

eSTART

Managing Timecards and Schedules
Course Guide for Managers
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General Information About This Manual

This manual is designed to provide State employees with an overview of the eSTART Time and Attendance System. This manual provides basic procedures; however, you may need to seek clarification on specific agency procedures or rules from your agency personnel manager or supervisor.

Nothing in this handbook should be construed to amend any laws, regulations, policies or procedures established by the State of Alabama or specifically the Alabama State Personnel Department.

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All leave accruals and usages in eSTART are estimates and/or projections that are based on the concept that all employees earn leave and have leave to use. These estimates and projections may not be accurate.

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Getting Started

Importance and Benefits of eSTART

Purpose

It is important that your employees are compensated accurately. To make this happen, you need to manage employees' worked and non-worked hours, as well as attendance issues, in an efficient and timely manner. The application supports your ability to perform these tasks so that the data sent to payroll is accurate.

eSTART provides the following benefits to the State of Alabama:

- Provide system-wide accountability in time and labor management.
- Provide up-to-date accrual balances and projections.
- Assists with standardization and accuracy of payroll process.
- Provide employees access to their leave balances.
- Eliminate manual processes ensuring cost and paper reduction.



Roles and Responsibilities

Purpose

Each employee and manager has responsibilities that are important in the payroll process. Each person's role determines the responsibilities and tasks that he or she performs in the application.

Common Employee Tasks

On a daily basis or as-needed basis, employees perform the following tasks:

- Enter time data using a clock device or PC.
- · Request time off.
- Review and approve timecard each pay period.
- Review schedules, punches, and leave accruals.
- · View Inbox.
- · Request extended leave cases.

Common Manager Tasks

On a daily basis, managers perform the following tasks:

- Check for timecard exceptions and make edits when applicable.
- Handle unexpected absences and missed time.
- Enter non-worked time for employees.
- · Make schedule changes.

On a pay period or as-needed basis, managers perform the following tasks:

- · Schedule employees for a specific time period.
- Monitor timecards and reports to facilitate payroll processing.
- · Review and approve timecards.
- · Request backup coverage.
- Manage time off requests.
- Initiate extended leave case for employee.
- Create personal HyperFind queries.

Common Agency Administrator Tasks

On a pay period or as-needed basis, typical Agency Administrator tasks include:

- Sign off timecards.
- · Perform final audit of time records.
- Add specific pay codes to employee timecards.



Common Leave Administrator Tasks

On a pay period or as-needed basis, typical Leave Administrator tasks include:

- Determine eligibility and open leave cases.
- Administer leave cases.
- Run leave reports.

Common State Administrator Tasks

On a pay period or as-needed basis, typical State Administrator tasks include:

- Run reports.
- View/Update People records.



Logging On

Purpose

The eSTART log on page provides access to all the features of the eSTART application where you perform your time and attendance tasks.

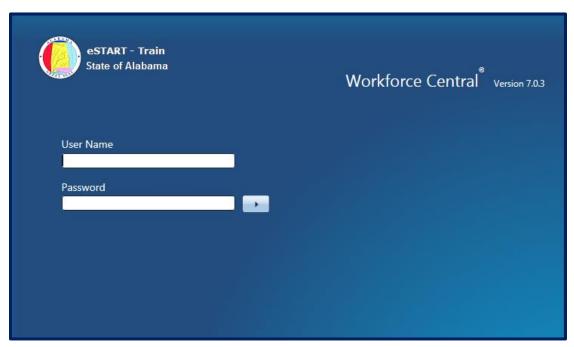
User Name and Password

If you use a computer and log on to the State's network, your User Name and Password will be the same as used to log into that network for the eSTART system. This is usually your full email address: john.doe@finance.alabama.gov.

If you do not have a network ID, your User Name will be provided by your Agency Administrator. The User Name will ordinarily be **firstname.lastname**. An initial password will also be provided that must be changed at first sign on.

Exercise

You, as a manager, log on to the eSTART application to review and work with your employees' timecards and scheduling data. It is a best practice to review this application each work day.



Steps		
1	Access the eSTART log on page.	
2	Enter your user name and password in the designated fields.	
3	Click the Log On button or press the Enter key on the keyboard.	



The Inactivity Timeout and Signing Out

Purpose

eSTART provides security to prevent other people from accessing your information. It also helps keep your employees' information confidential.

Regaining access after the inactivity timeout

The inactivity timeout protects sensitive information in the application. If the application does not detect activity within a specific amount of time, it attempts to automatically log you off. To regain access to the application, you must click Yes when asked to remain logged in. When you regain access, the application restores the last page you were viewing.





Best Business Practice

The inactivity timeout message displays if there is no activity for 30 minutes.



Caution

If you do not click Yes after receiving the inactivity timeout, you are logged out of the application. You will lose all unsaved edits.



Signing Out of eSTART

Upon completion of your tasks, you must sign out of eSTART to ensure that your employees' information remains confidential.





Caution

Clicking the Close (X) button without first signing out can leave your connection to the application open, which might allow unauthorized people to view and edit your information.



Tip

eSTART is a browser-based application. However, you should not use the browser's navigation controls—the Back button on the toolbar, for example. Only use the links inside of eSTART to do your work.





Navigating eSTART

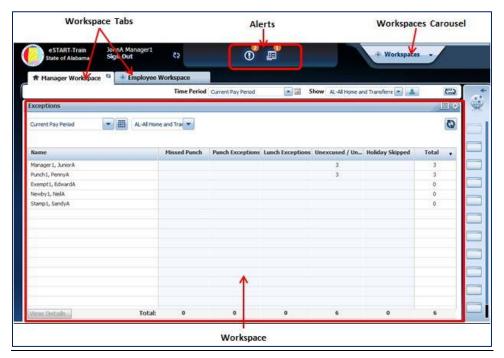
Introducing the Navigator

Purpose

After you log on to eSTART, your Navigator pane displays. The Navigator is a customized view of the time and labor information that is important to completing your daily work tasks. It is designed to be simple with easy-to-use views. You should take a few minutes to get acquainted with its navigation features.

Navigator Components

The Navigator consists of four main components; Alerts, Workspace, Workspaces carousel, and Workspace tabs.



Navigator Component	Description
Alerts	Your Navigator contains two alerts, Exceptions and Requests, which have been configured to notify you when specific events or conditions occur. Because the alerts always display in your Navigator, you will know immediately if something requires your attention.
Workspace	Your Navigator contains two other workspaces. A workspace is a layout designed to accommodate a specific business need. The manager workspace is the default or "home" workspace.
Workspaces carousel	Since the manager's Navigator is configured to include more than one workspace, all workspaces other than the home workspace are listed in the Workspaces carousel. You can display additional workspaces in your Navigator by selecting them in the Workspaces carousel.
Workspace tabs	When a workspace is displayed in the Navigator, it will have an associated tab. You can use the workspace tabs to switch between or to close displayed workspaces. The manager workspace cannot be closed.



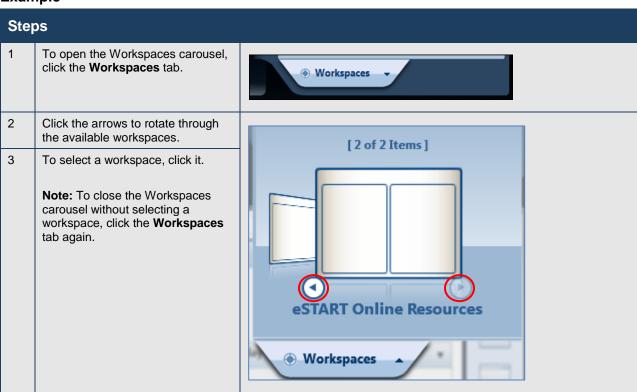
Viewing Workspaces

Purpose

Your Navigator is configured to provide more than one workspace. The default workspace for Managers is the Manager workspace, but you can select other workspaces to display. Additional workspaces include:

- Employee Workspace displays your individual timecard, calendar and request for leave functions.
- eSTART Online Resources displays eSTART resources including job aids, training videos, etc.

Example



The selected workspace opens and a tab for the workspace is added. The Workspaces carousel closes.





Switching between workspaces

After selecting workspaces from the workspace carousel, you can switch to a different workspace by selecting the associated tab. Note that your home workspace will be indicated by a $^{\bullet}$ in the tab. The refresh button is used to refresh the page.



Closing a workspace

To close a workspace and return it to the carousel, click the **X**. The refresh button can be used to refresh the page.

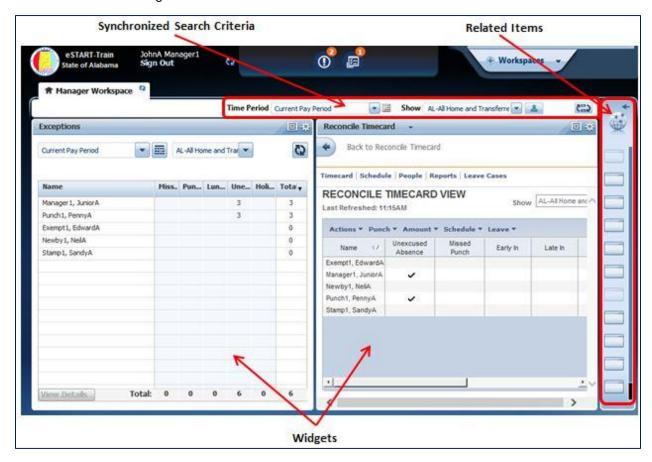




Using the Navigator

Each workspace in your Navigator contains task-oriented widgets or views in eSTART, which enable managers to complete their most frequent tasks.

The following illustration shows the manager workspace configuration, including the Exceptions and Reconcile Timecard widget.



Workspace Components	Description
Synchronized Search Criteria	These elements can be synchronized with certain widgets so that these selections are used instead of choosing them separately within the different widgets.
Widgets	Widgets are self-contained components that are used to access specific eSTART information or tasks.
Related Items	Widgets that are available, but not displayed in the selected workspace, are accessed via the Related Items pane. They can be clicked/dragged into an open workspace, or clicked to open the widget in a temporary workspace.



The Related Items pane

Widgets that are available but not displayed in the selected workspace are accessed via the Related Items pane. They can be clicked or dragged into an open workspace, or clicked to open the widget in a temporary workspace.

- Click the arrow in the upper-right corner to open and close the Related Items pane.
- Use the scroll buttons at the top or bottom of the pane to view additional widgets within the pane.



Managing Open Widgets

There may be occasions when you will see more than one widget open in the workspace, for example when you drag a widget to the workspace. To maximize a specific widget to fill the workspace, click the **Resize** button in the upper right-hand corner of the widget. You can click the same button in a maximized widget to return it to the default widget size.





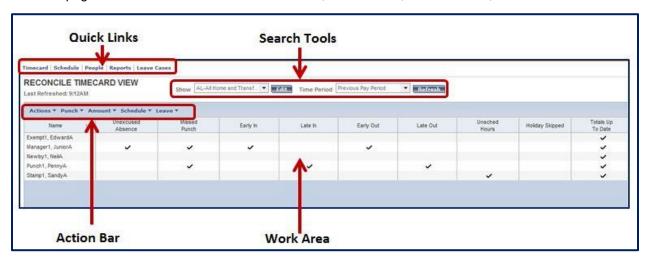
Navigating Widgets in eSTART

Purpose

eSTART pages allow you to perform less common or more complex tasks. You can use widgets in eSTART to display these pages and complete these tasks.

The key areas of eSTART Pages

eSTART pages contain four main areas: Quick Links, search tools, the action bar, and the work area.

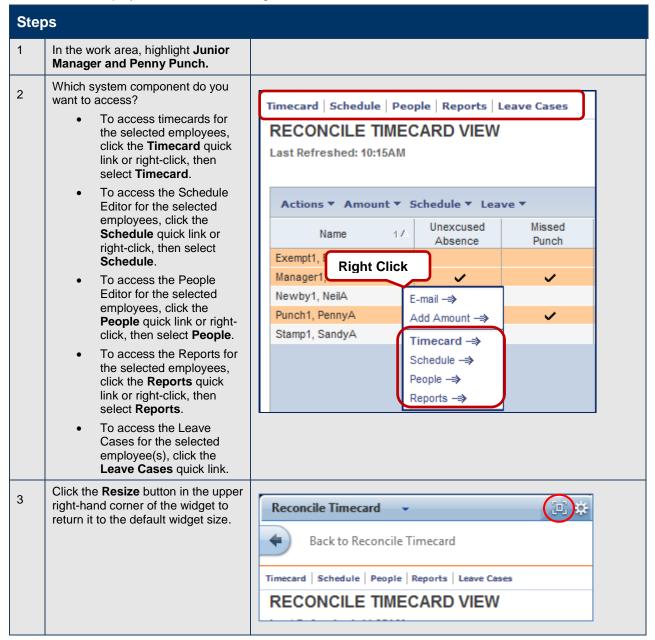


Areas	Description	
Quick Links	Allows you to quickly access the Timecard, Schedule, People record, Reports or Leave Cases related to any employees you select from the Name column.	
Search tools	Include:	
	Show field where you can select a specific set of employees	
	Time Period field where you select the timeframe for which you want to view schedules and timecard data	
Action bar	Allows you to perform tasks to selected employees, such as editing punches, approving timecards, and other common tasks.	
Work area	The work area contains detailed information about the employees in the selected time period, as well as the action bar, which contains selections for modifying data.	



Exercise

Select certain employees and access the right-click menu.





Tip

There are various ways to select employees:

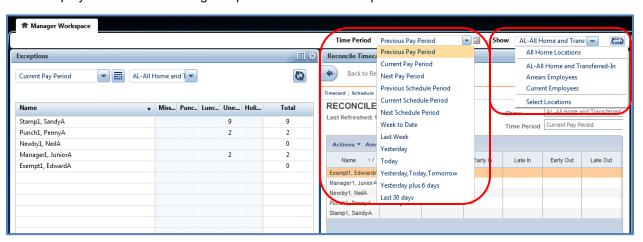
- Use the Ctrl key to select more than one employee not listed next to each other.
- Use the **Shift** key to select all employees listed between two employees, including the two employees.
- Click and drag the mouse to select employees.



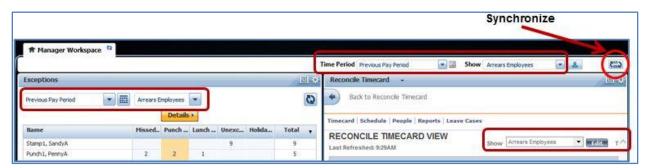
Synchronized Search Criteria

The **Time Period** field allows you to set the timeframe you want to view, such as the current pay period or a particular timeframe in the past.

The **Show** field allows you to display a group of employees. The default setting for the Show field when you log on is **AL-All Home and Transferred-In**, which displays <u>all employees that report to you</u>. You can use the **Show** field to further refine your selection to include employees in a specific group, such as only those employees who are working in a particular area or on a particular shift.



You may set the widgets in the workspaces to use the same time period and employee list (Show field). After you select **Previous Pay Period** from the **Time Period** field and the **Arrears Employees** from the **Show** field, click **Synchronize**.



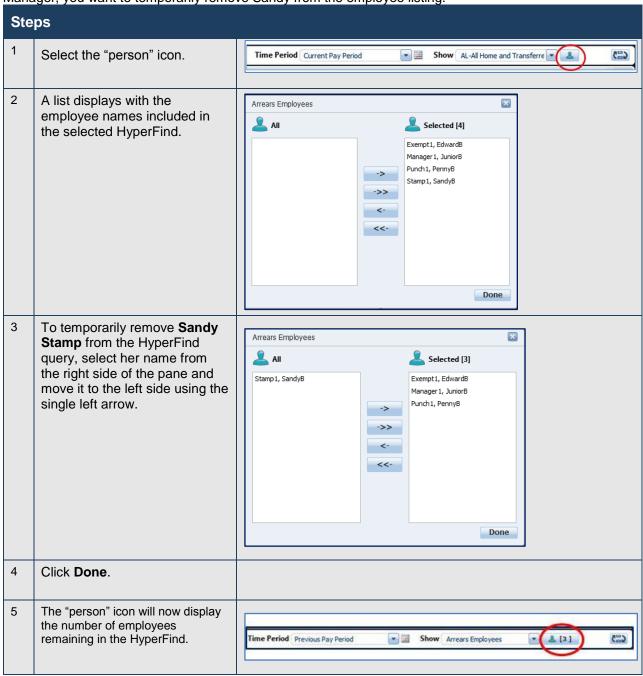
Notice all three **Show** drop-downs are now set to **Arrears Employees** and **Time Period** is set to **Previous Pay Period**.



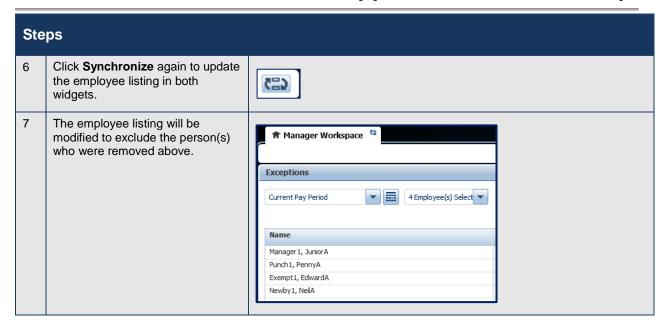
Also located on the **Synchronized Search Criteria** bar is the "person" icon. It is located to the right of the **Show** drop-down and can be used to temporarily filter the selected HyperFind query.

Exercise

You want to view only the employees who report directly to you. Since Sandy Stamp reports to Junior Manager, you want to temporarily remove Sandy from the employee listing.





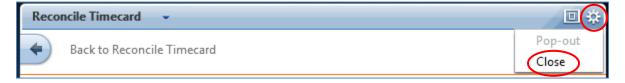




Note

This change is temporary. To return to the original listing, select the original HyperFind from the Show drop-down or open the "person" icon again and return the removed employee names to the "Selected" pane.

To close an open widget, click the widget's gear icon and select Close to return the widget to the Related Items pane.





Managing Exceptions for Non-Exempt Employees

Using the Exceptions Alert

Purpose

Your Navigator is configured to receive exceptions alerts. If one of your employees has triggered a time exception that requires your attention, you will see an Alerts icon at the top of your Navigator when you log in.



Click the Alert icon to see a list of the exceptions. Select an employee from the list to view the details of the exception. The Exceptions widget displays.



The **View All** button opens the <u>Alerts and Notification Widget</u>. This widget is used to view a history of alerts.



Once opened, the alert category can be changed from **Exceptions Alert** to **Request Manager Alert** by selecting the round icons on the widget. Once selected, the icon changes to an orange color. The third icon is for "uncategorized" alerts and is not used.



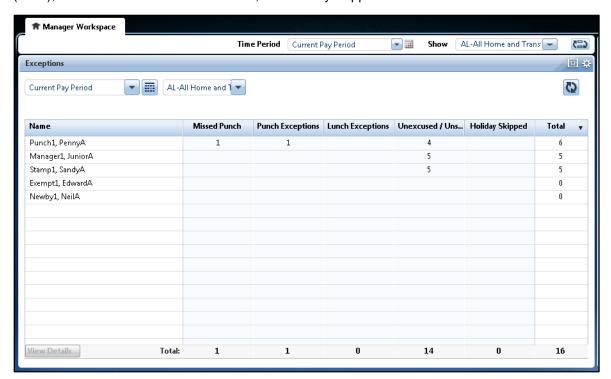
Viewing the Exceptions Widget

Purpose

When non-exempt employees forget to punch, or punch in early or late, their pay may be impacted. Therefore, it is your responsibility to resolve any discrepancies to ensure that employees are paid correctly. In addition, unresolved missing punches can delay payroll processing. The Exceptions widget allows you to recognize and resolve the most common types of exceptions.

The Summary View

In the Summary View, the Exceptions widget displays a list of your employees for the time period and HyperFind selected at the top of the widget. It organizes the employee exceptions by type. The exception types displayed include missed punches, punch exceptions (such as late or early), lunch exceptions (short), unexcused or unscheduled hours, and holiday skipped.





Note

The Exceptions widget is one of two places in eSTART where employee exceptions can be edited. Editing exceptions in an employee's timecard will be covered in a later module.



Details View by Exception Type

To access the Details view by exception type, hover your cursor over the exception type column heading and then click the **Details** button.



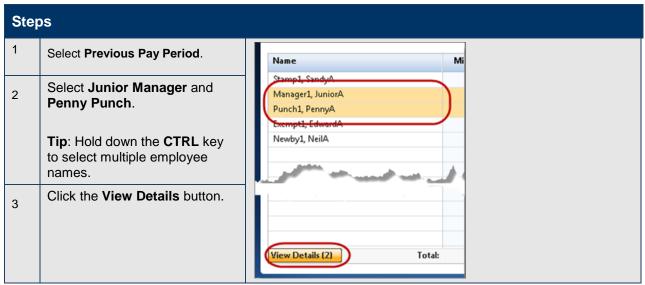
This view shows all employees that have the same type of exception. Note that only dates with exceptions displays on the summary page.



The Details View

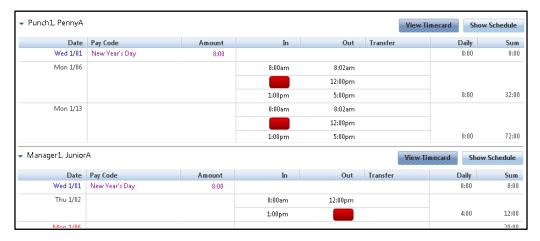
Details for exceptions can be viewed by employee or by exception type. In either case, the Details view is where exceptions are resolved for non-exempt employees.

Details View for an Employee(s)





This view shows all exceptions for the employee(s) selected. Note that only dates with exceptions displays on the summary page.



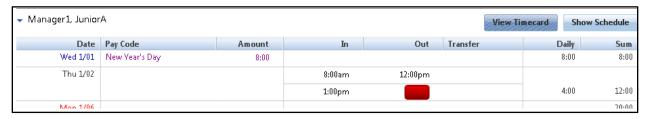
Recognizing common exceptions and visual cues in Time Detail view

The Exceptions widget provides visual indicators to help managers quickly understand time issues that require their immediate attention. The following table summarizes the most common visual cues.

Description	Visual indicator
In or Out punch cell is solid red	Missed or Double punch
In or Out time displays in red text	Early in or out/Late in or out
Date displays in red text	Unexcused absence
In or Out punches are in green text	Punch has been marked as reviewed
In or Out punches are in purple	Punch has been populated by the eSTART system
Date displays in blue text	Excused absence

Examples of the different exception types

Missed In/Out Punch

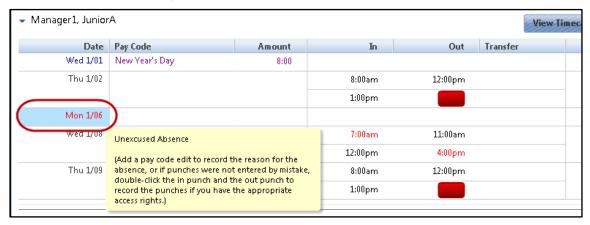




Early In/Out Example

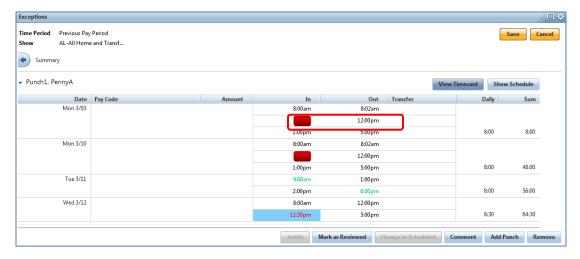


Unexcused Absence Example



Double Punch Example

For every In punch there needs to be a corresponding Out punch. Therefore, double-punches are usually identified as a missing punch because the extra punch does not have a corresponding punch.





Action Buttons in the Details View

The following table lists and describes the action buttons you will see in the Exceptions widget. These buttons allow you to resolve exceptions in non-exempt timecards.

Action Button	Description	
Save	Saves changes to the database. Button becomes orange when changes have been made but not saved.	
Cancel	Cancel changes that you have made prior to saving. Button becomes orange when changes have been made but not saved.	
View Timecard	Allows you to view the non-exempt timecard view.	
Show Schedule	Allows you to view the employee's schedule.	
Mark as Reviewed	Allows you to identify exceptions that have already been addressed. The color of the exception changes to green and the Mark as Reviewed button changes to Unmark as Reviewed.	
Change to Scheduled	This feature is not utilized at this time.	
Comment	Opens the Add Punch Comment dialog box. Select a comment.	
Add Punch	Opens the Add Punch dialog box and allows you to insert punches.	
Remove	Allows you to remove punches.	
Justify	This feature is not utilized at this time.	



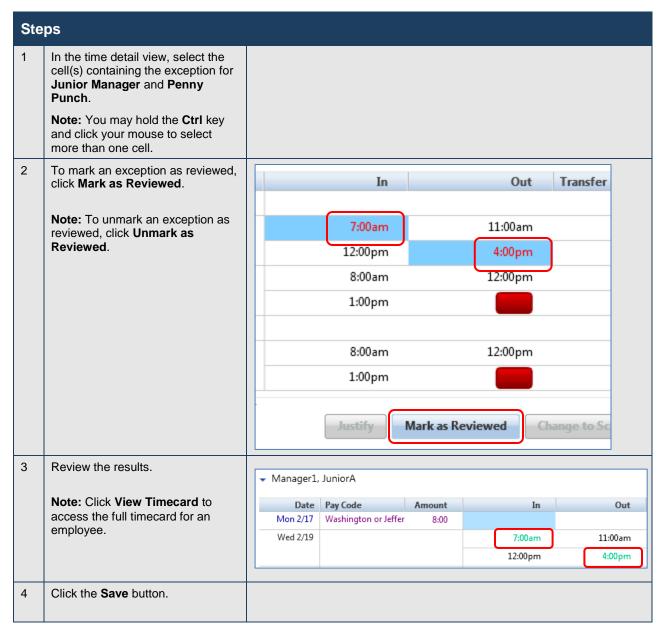
Marking/Unmarking Exceptions as Reviewed

Purpose

Once you have reviewed an exception and resolved it, you can mark the exception as reviewed. The exception will remain visible in the Exceptions widget and timecard, but the text color will be changed to green. At any time, you can choose to unmark an exception as reviewed.

Exercise

On Wednesday of the **previous pay period**, **Junior Manager** arrived early to work because he needed to leave early. Mark the exception as reviewed so it does not have to be checked again.





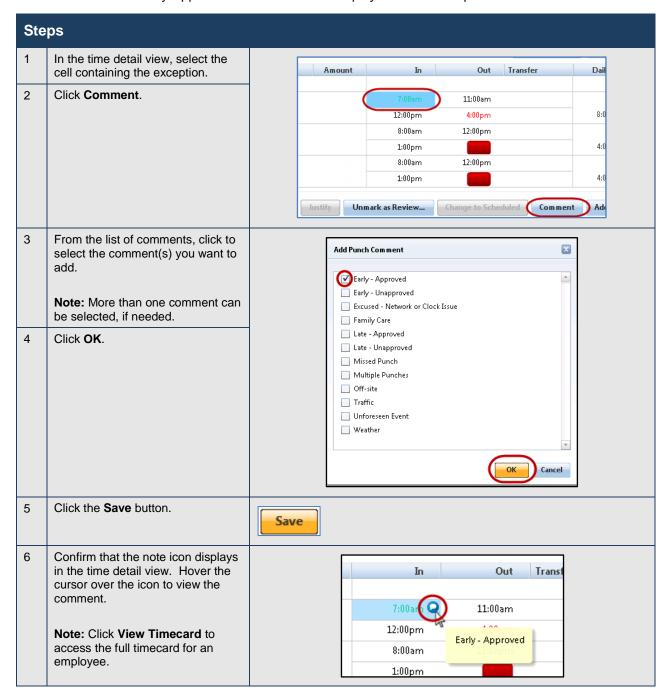
Attaching Comments to Punches

Purpose

Comments are predefined descriptive phrases you attach to a punch to provide additional, useful information about that transaction. You may attach as many comments as needed to explain the punch.

Exercise

On Wednesday of the **previous pay period**, **Junior Manager** arrived early to work because he needed to leave early. You have marked the exception reviewed. Now add a comment that the early arrival was excused. Attach an "Early-Approved" comment to the employee's 7:00 a.m. punch.





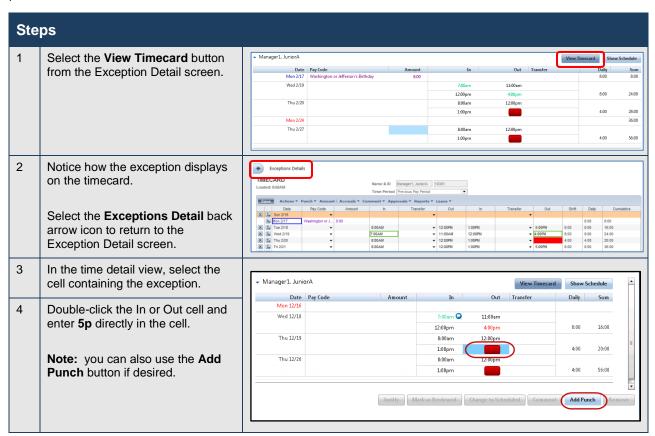
Adding Missed Punches

Purpose

An employee might forget to punch in or out. When this happens, a solid-red box displays in the missed In or Out cell. To add that punch, use the Add Punch feature to enter the missed time. The application accepts multiple formats for entering punches in a timecard.

Exercise

Junior Manager notified you that he forgot to punch out on the first Thursday of the **previous pay period**. The employee ended his shift at 5:00 p.m. From the Exceptions Detail view, enter a 5:00 p.m. out punch.





Steps Click Save. Confirm that the exception no longer displays in the exception detail view. If there are no other exceptions for a given day, the day will no longer display in the exceptions detail view when you save. Save Cancel View Timecard Show Schedule Out Transfer Daily Sum Select the View Timecard button to review the change to the timecard.



Best Business Practice

You **must** clear all items in the Missed Punch column of the Exceptions Summary view. Administrators will not have the ability to sign off on payroll until all missed punches are corrected.



Tip

You may return to the Exceptions Summary view from the Details view by clicking the back arrow icon in the Details view.





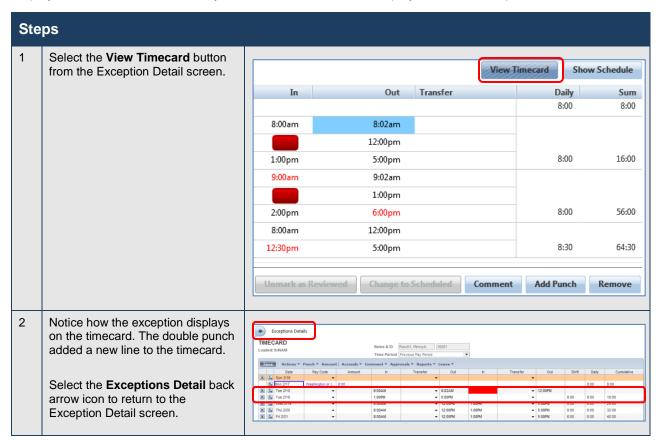
Removing Punches

Purpose

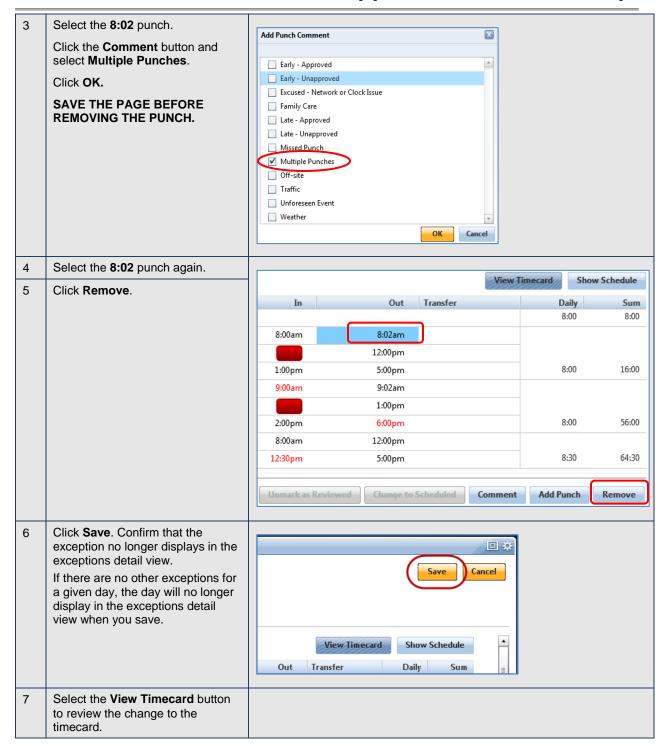
As a rule, you should not remove punches from timecards because they represent actual times that employees started and stopped working. However, there are some exceptions to this rule. For example, an employee might inadvertently punch twice when starting or ending a shift. When this occurs, you will want to remove the extra punch.

Exercise

Penny Punch could not remember if she punched in at the beginning of her shift on Monday of the **previous pay period**. She punched in a second time to ensure that she recorded her start of shift time. While reviewing the employee's exceptions detail, you notice that two In punches display for the employee's start of shift on Monday. You want to remove the employee's second In punch at 8:02 a.m.









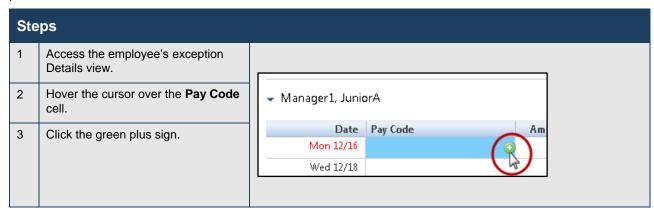
Using Pay Codes to Track Non-Worked Time

Purpose

Pay codes keep track of the type of worked and non-worked time that is entered. It is important that hours are tracked to the correct pay code so that employees are paid correctly. There are times when you might have to edit an employee's time data and use a pay code to track his or her non-worked time.

Exercise

Junior Manager was sick on **Monday of the previous pay period**. His timecard was not updated and eSTART flags the date as an unexcused absence. Edit the employee's timecard for the previous pay period to reflect the sick leave.







Acceptable formats for entering pay code hours

Acceptable Format	Example	Interpretation by eSTART
Leading zeroes (optional)	07	7:00 hours
	0830	8:30 hours
Colon	7:30	7:30 hours Note: If you enter hours without a colon or a leading zero, eSTART interprets your entry as is, which may be a much larger number of hours than you intended. For example, if you enter 730 (without the colon or leading zero), eSTART interprets that as 730 hours.
Decimal	8.5	8:30 hours



Editing Time and Attendance Data in the Timecard

Accessing and Viewing Employees' Timecards

Purpose

The Exceptions widget is not the only way to view employees' time data. Use **Related Items > Reconcile Timecard** to quickly access and review employees' time and attendance data. From **Reconcile Timecard**, you can open employees' timecards and make any needed adjustments prior to payroll processing. Changes to employee time above and beyond what is managed in the Exceptions widget are managed in the non-exempt timecard view.

Exercise

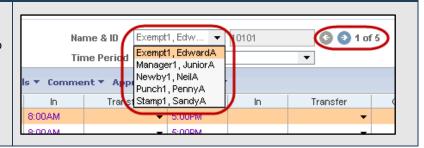
In reviewing Reconcile Timecard, you notice that several employees have time and attendance exceptions. Open each employee's timecard to review and adjust the data.

Ste	ps	
1	From the Related Items pane, select Reconcile Timecard .	Reconcile Timecard
2	In the Show drop-down list, the list defaults to All Home and Transferred-In. From the Time Period drop-down list, select Previous Pay Period.	Timecard Schedule People Reports Leave Cases RECONCILE TIMECARD VIEW Last Refreshed: 12:38PM Actions * Punch * Amount * Schedule * Leave *
3	Select all employees.	
4	Click the Timecard quick link. OR	Timecard Schedule People Reports Leave Cases RECONCILE TIMECARD VIEW Last Refreshed: 3:38PM
	Right-click and select Timecard .	Actions ▼ Amount ▼ Schedule ▼ Leave ▼ Name



Steps

- If you selected more than one employee, do one of the following:
 - Click the Next scroll button to move to the next employee. You can use the Previous scroll button to move to a previous employee.
 - Select an employee from the Name & ID drop-down list.





Tip

There are various ways to select employees in a eSTART widget:

- Hold the **Ctrl** key and click your mouse to select more than one employee not listed next to the other.
- To select a group of employees listed together, use one of these methods:
 - Click the first employee, then hold the **Shift** key and click your mouse to select the last employee. This will select all employees in-between.
 - Click and drag the mouse to select multiple employees.



Tip

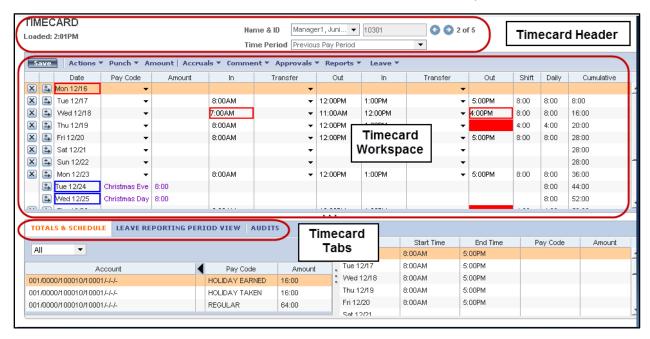
To return to the Reconcile Timecard widget from an open timecard, click the **Back to Reconcile Timecard** arrow icon.





Non-Exempt Timecard Overview

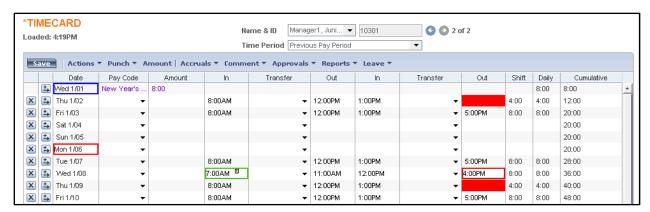
There are three main areas on a timecard: Timecard Header; Timecard Workspace; and Timecard Tabs.



Timecard Area	Description
Timecard Header	Displays the following information:
Timecard Workspace	 Displays the following information: Menu bar that contains selections for performing timekeeping tasks. Grid containing dates for the selected time period. Time entry totals, including shift, daily, and cumulative hours. Shift Total — Calculated total hours of all shifts worked on the selected day (excluding totals for non-shift items such as pay codes). Daily Total — Calculated total hours of the selected day, including pay codes. Cumulative — Cumulative total up to and including the selected day.
Timecard Tabs	Display additional information about how eSTART tracks employee hours. Three default tabs display: • Totals & Schedule — The area on the left displays the timecard totals. The area on the right displays the Schedule for each day of the selected time period. • Leave Reporting Period View — Displays accrual codes and available leave balances based on the date selected. • Audits — Lists all edits made to an employee's timecard. Note: Additional tabs display based on actions you perform.



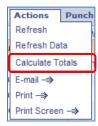
Visual indicators display on a timecard when an exception occurs. For example, an employee might forget to clock in or out, which causes a missed punch exception. An employee might clock in early or late, which causes a punch exception.



Visual Indicator	Description
Blue-bordered date	An excused absence for the day, such as Annual Leave, Sick Leave, or Jury Duty
Red-bordered date	An unexcused absence for the day
Red-bordered punch	An exception, such as a late or early punch, or a short or long break
Green-bordered punch	Exception has been marked as reviewed
Solid-red cell	A missed punch
Purple	A transaction that was added by the eSTART application
Yellow note icon in the top corner of a cell	One or more comments are attached to the punch

Calculating Totals

To see the effects of a change on the employee's time before saving, use the Calculate Totals feature on the Actions tab.



Refreshing and Saving Data in Timecards

When you add and modify timecard data, eSTART displays your edits but does not save them automatically. You must tell the application to save the data.

Visual Indicator	Description		
Timecard title in orange with asterisk	Unsaved edits		
TOTALS & SCHEDULE	Red Flag indicates totals are not up-to-date		



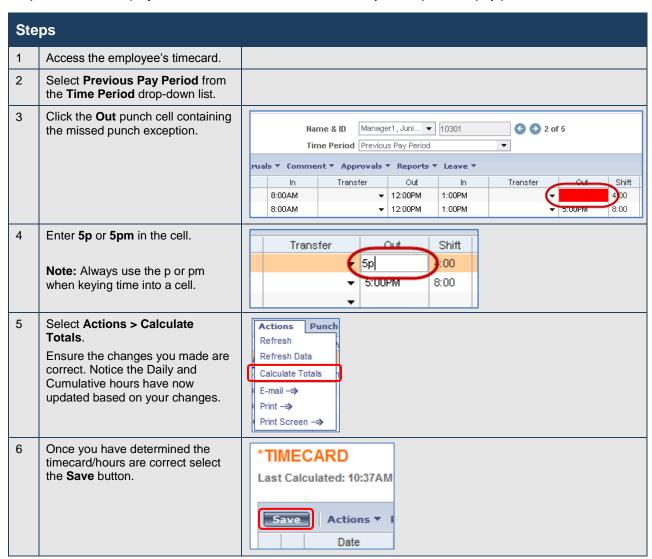
Adding Missed Punches

Purpose

An employee might forget to punch in or out. When this happens, a solid-red box displays in the missed In or Out cell. To add that punch, you click the cell and type the missed time. The application accepts multiple formats for entering punches in a timecard.

Exercise

Junior Manager notified you that he forgot to punch out on the **second Thursday of the previous pay period**. The employee ended his shift at 5:00 p.m. Access the employee's timecard and add a 5:00 p.m. out punch on the employee's timecard for the second Thursday of the previous pay period.





Best Business practice

You must correct all Missed Punch exceptions on the timecards. Administrators will not have the ability to sign off on the payroll until all missed punches are corrected.



Adding Pay Code Hours to Timecards

Purpose

Pay codes keep track of the type of worked and non-worked time that is entered in the timecard. Examples of pay codes include: Annual Leave, Sick Leave and Personal Leave Day.

It is important that hours are tracked to the correct pay code so that the employee is paid correctly. There are times when you might have to edit an employee's timecard and use a pay code to track his or her worked or non-worked time, for example, when the employee calls in sick.

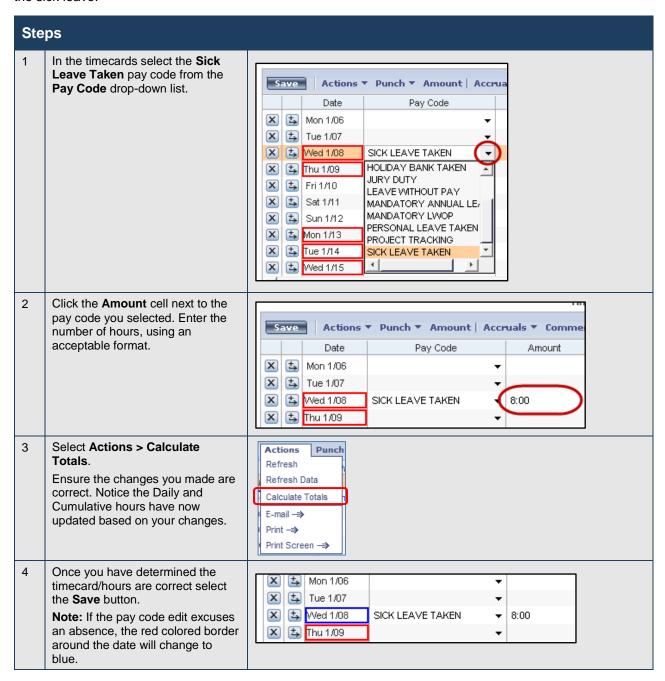
Acceptable formats for entering pay code hours

Acceptable Format	Example	Interpretation by eSTART
Leading zeroes (optional)	07	7:00 hours
	0830	8:30 hours
Colon	7:30	7:30 hours Note: If you enter hours without a colon or a leading zero, eSTART interprets your entry as is, which may be a much larger number of hours than you intended. For example, if you enter 730 (without the colon or leading zero), eSTART interprets that as 730 hours.
Decimal	8.5	8:30 hours



Exercise

Junior Manager was sick one day this week. His timecard was not updated to reflect this and eSTART flags him with an unexcused absence. Edit the employee's timecard for the **Current Pay Period** to reflect the sick leave.





Note

You cannot add a pay code to a row that contains punches; you must insert a separate row for the pay code transaction.



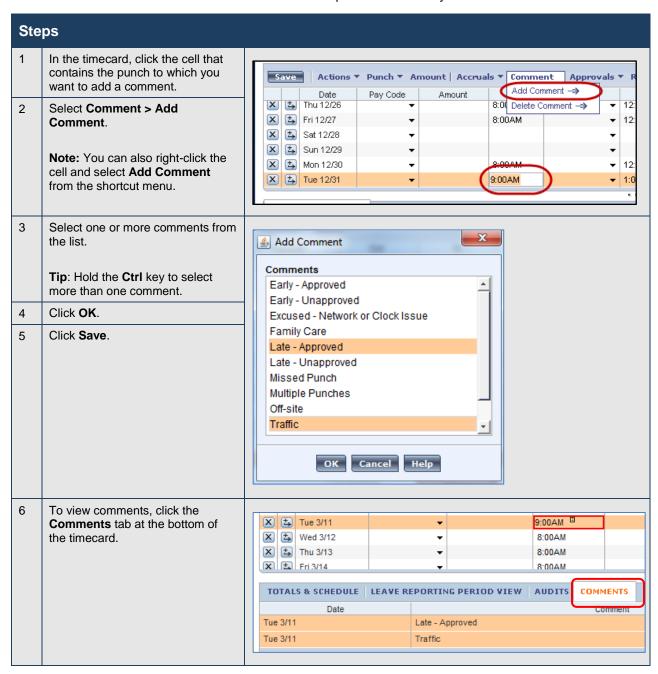
Attaching Comments to Punches

Purpose

Comments are predefined descriptive phrases you may attach to a punch to provide additional, useful information about that transaction. You may attach as many comments as needed to explain the punch.

Exercise

On the second Tuesday of the previous pay period, **Penny Punch** arrived late to work because of traffic. You want to add a comment to her 9:00 a.m. punch as a reminder of why she arrived late. Access her timecard and add the Traffic comment to the 9:00 a.m. punch for Tuesday.





Marking/Unmarking Exceptions as Reviewed

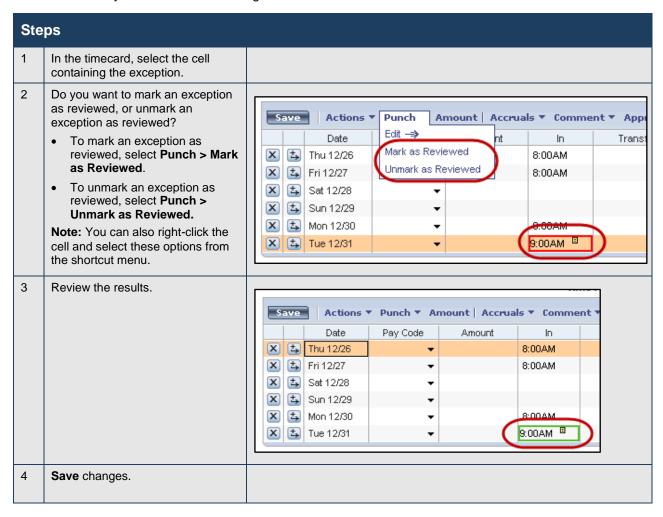
Purpose

Once you review an exception and resolve it you can mark the exception as reviewed. The exception remains visible in the timecard and in customized views, but no longer displays in exception reports or queries. Once the exception is marked as reviewed, a green border displays around the cell containing the exception.

You can unmark an exception as reviewed at any time.

Exercise

On Tuesday, **Penny Punch** arrived late to work because of traffic. You added a comment to her 9:00 a.m. punch as a reminder of the reason for the late punch. Now you want to mark the exception as reviewed so that you do not re-check it again at a later date.





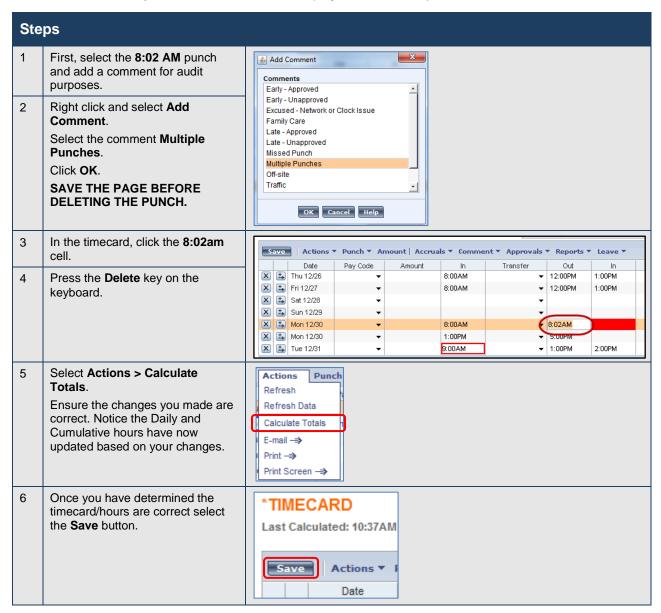
Deleting Punches

Purpose

As a rule, you should not delete punches from timecards because they represent actual times that employees started and stopped working. However, there are some exceptions to this rule. For example, an employee might punch twice when starting or ending a shift. When this occurs, you should delete the extra punch. The Audits tab provides a record of all timecard edits, including any deleted punches.

Exercise

Penny Punch could not remember if she punched in at the beginning of her shift on the **second Monday of the previous pay period**. She punched in a second time to ensure that she recorded her start-of-shift time. While reviewing the employee's timecard, you notice that two in punches display for the employee's start of shift on Monday. You want to delete the employee's second in punch of 8:02 a.m.

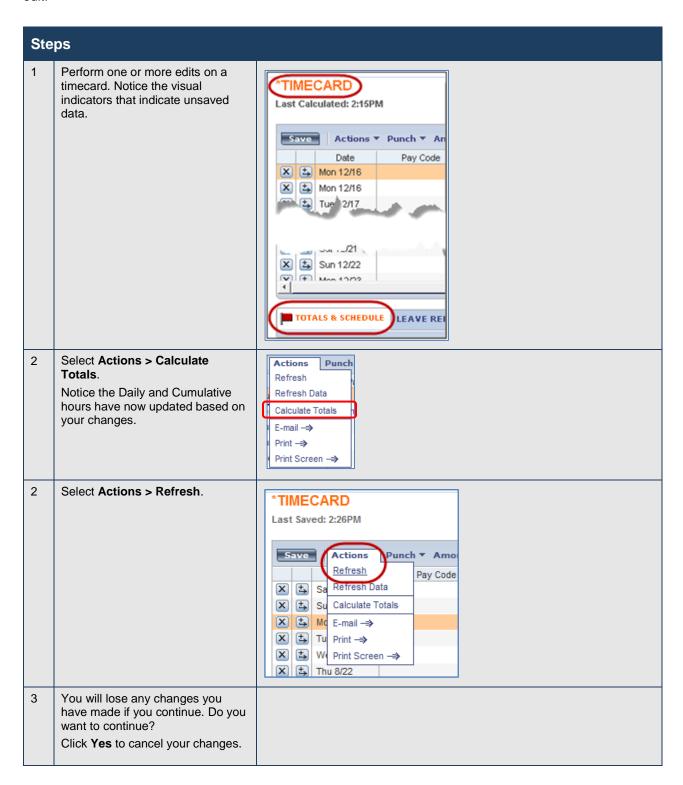




Cancelling Edits

Exercise

You decide not to keep the changes made to an employee's timecard. Instead of saving, you cancel the edit.





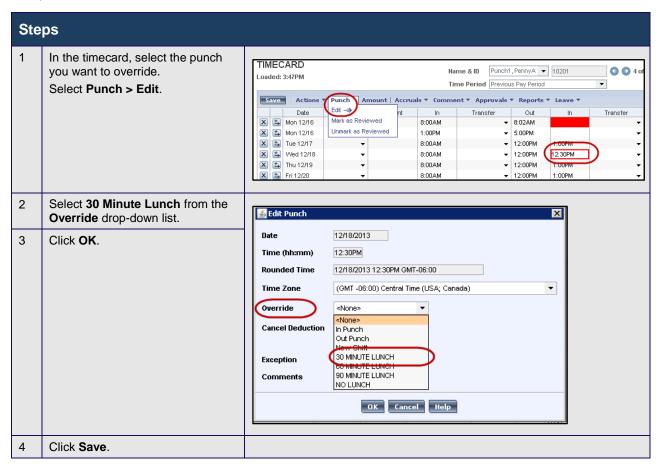
Overriding Punches

Purpose

When employees punch in or out for their shifts, a punch can be misinterpreted by the system if a punch is missed during the day. An in punch may be interpreted as an out punch or vice versa. It is also possible that an exception related to a lunch break will also be applied if an employee takes a lunch break shorter than their assigned lunch rule. If a punch is incorrectly labeled or a lunch exception is incorrectly applied, you can override the punch to correct the error.

Exercise

You needed **Penny Punch** to return from lunch 30 minutes early on **Wednesday of the previous pay period**, but she normally receives a 60 minute lunch. The system recorded her return punch from lunch as a Short Break exception. To get rid of the exception for this circumstance, you need to override the exception.



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Steps									
5	a punch's type, verify that the punch is in the correct punch		ls ▼ Comme	ent ▼	Approvals	; ,	▼ Reports ▼	Leave ▼	,
	column (In or Out).		In		Transfer		Out	ln	
			8:00AM		•	-	8:02AM		
			1:00PM		,	-	5:00PM		
6	If the override was needed because of a missing punch, be sure to correct the missing punch.		8:00AM		,	-	12:00PM	1:00PM	
			8:00AM				12:00PM	12:30PM)
	ő.		8:00AM		•	-	12:00PM	1:00PM	
7	If the Override selection is to change a lunch break, verify that the lunch break exception is removed.		1						



Note

Any overtime or compensatory time resulting from this type of exception should be managed according to Agency policy.



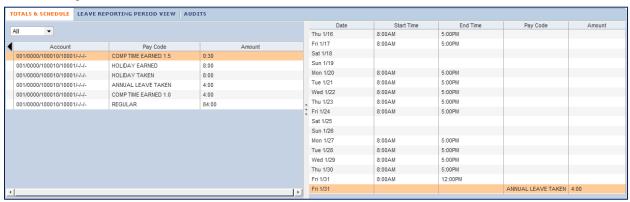
Totals and Schedule Tab

Purpose

The Totals and Schedule tab displays the employee's worked and non-worked time for the pay period in the left pane of the screen below. The drop-down box defaults to **All**, but can be changed to **Shift**, **Daily** or **Cumulative** to view totals as needed.

The right pane shows the employee's schedule for the pay period. Any approved leave time will display here as well.

The following illustration shows the **Totals and Schedule** Tab.



Description of the columns in the **Totals** section:

Column	Description
Account	The labor level to which the employee is assigned. Further information can be found on this in the employee's people record. (Organization/Department/Work Location/Manager ID)
Pay Code	The pay code to which the worked or non-worked time is assigned. Any overtime or comp time will display here as well.
Amount	The number of hours earned or taken in each pay code.

Description of the columns in the **Schedule** section:

Column	Description
Date	The date of the pay period to which the schedule is assigned.
Start Time	The employee's scheduled start time.
End Time	The employee's scheduled end time.
Pay Code	The pay code which replaces all or a portion of the employee's schedule. Examples of this are Annual Leave, Sick Leave, Personal Day, etc.
Amount	The amount of time associated with the above pay code.



Viewing Accrual Balances in Timecards

Purpose

The Leave Reporting Period View tab displays the employee's accrued time for each accrual code in the employee's assigned accrual profile. You can quickly see up-to-date accrual balances, such as Annual Leave and Sick Leave.

The following illustration shows the Leave Reporting Period View tab.

Example

Review the leave balance for Penny Punch.

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		Balance as of 5/16/2014	Apply				
Туре	Balance Range of Dates	Beginning Balance	Planned Usages	Pending Accruals	Ending Balance		
ANNUAL LEAVE	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	24:20	13:00	65:00	76:2		
BEREAVEMENT OWED	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:0		
COMP OVERAGE	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:0		
COMP TIME EARNED	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	0:45	0:00	0:00	0:4		
ESCROW SICK LEAVE	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:0		
EXCESS ANNUAL LEAVE	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:0		
EXCESS SICK LEAVE	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:0		
HOLIDAY BANKED	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	0:00	8:00	8:00	0:0		
HOLIDAY OVER 1 YEAR	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:0		
LWOP - TAKEN	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:0		
MILITARY - FED - TAKEN	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:0		
PERSONAL DAY	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	8:00	0:00	0:00	8:0		
SICK LEAVE	1/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	39:00	13:00	65:00	91:00		

Column	Description
Туре	The type of accrual balance, such as Annual Leave or Sick Leave
Balance Range of Dates	The leave reporting period (current year)
Beginning Balance	The accrual balance from the payroll system as of the date in the Balance as of drop-down
Planned Usages	The total amount of time scheduled to be taken, from the Balance as of date through the end of the Reporting Period (12/31)
Pending Accruals	The total accruals projected from the Balance as of date through the end of the Reporting Period (12/31)
Ending Balance	The accrual balance as of December 31 st , including Pending Accruals and Planned Usages



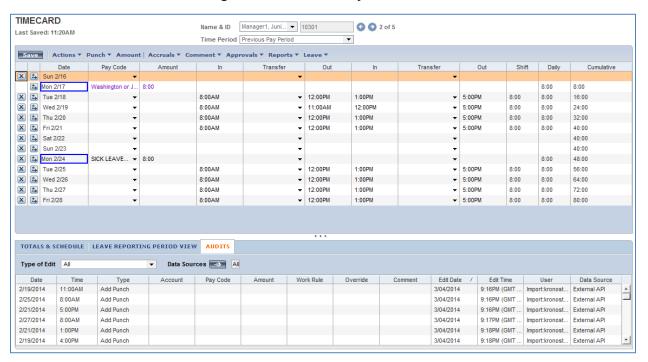
Viewing the Audit Trail

Purpose

The Audits tab is located at the bottom of the Timecard workspace. All timecard changes are logged here for audit purposes, including timecard approval. The tab also lists punches made from timestamping. You can view all data sources or a specific data source, such as edits to a timecard. Within a timecard, you can view all edits or a specific type of edit, such as punch edits.

Example

Select the timecard of Junior Manager in the Previous Pay Period.



Column	Description
Date/Time	The effective date and time of the edit
Туре	The type of edit that was performed
Account	The account to which the edit is attributed, if different from the primary account
Pay Code/Amount	The pay code and number of hours assigned, if applicable
Work Rule	The work rule used with the edit, if different from the employee's primary work rule
Override	The type of entry that this edit is replacing or canceling, if applicable
Comment	The comment attached to the edit
Edit Date/Time	The date and time the edit was made
User	The user name of the person who edited the transaction
Data Source	The component of the application where the edit was made

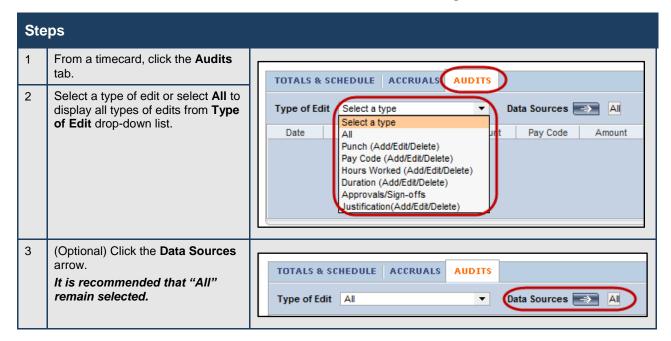


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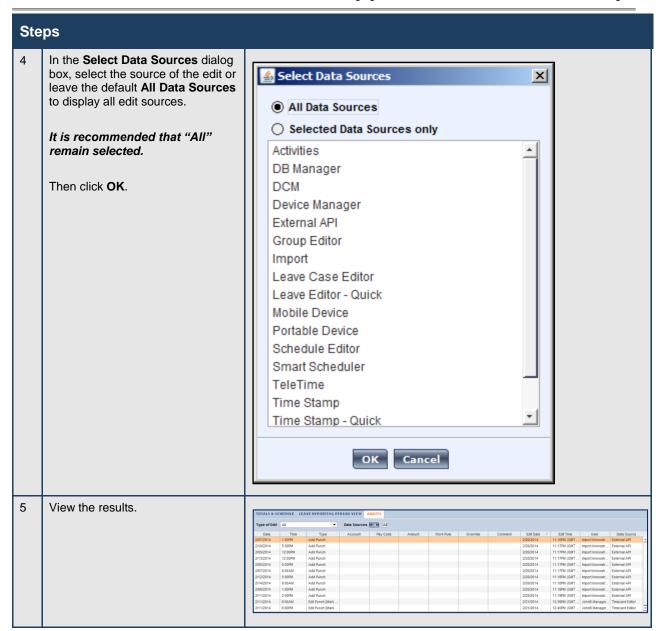
Types of Edits	Description
All	Displays all timecard edits made in the employee's timecard for the selected Time Period
Punch (Add/Edit/Delete)	Displays only timecard edits made to the In or Out punch columns in the employee's timecard for the selected Time Period, including the attachment of comments
Pay Code (Add/Edit/Delete)	Displays only timecard edits made to Pay Code and Amount columns in the employee's timecard for the selected Time Period, including the attachment of comments
Hours Worked (Add/Edit/Delete)	Displays only timecard edits made using the Hours Worked pay code in the employee's timecard for the selected Time Period, including the attachment of comments
Duration (Add/Edit/Delete)	This feature is not utilized at this time.
Approvals/Sign-offs	Displays all employee and manager approvals as well as time period approved, sign-off date and time
Justification (Add/Edit/Delete)	This feature is not utilized at this time.

Exercise

You want to review all manual edits that have been made to Junior Manager's timecard.









Scheduling Employees

Introducing Scheduling

Using the application's scheduling capabilities, you can quickly compare the differences between worked and scheduled time and identify additional workload needs. You can also track employees' absences as well as early or late arrivals. To take full advantage of these capabilities, you need to create, review, and maintain accurate schedules for employees in the application.

Organizations use schedules for two key reasons: to match staffing to workload requirements and to manage time and labor data for individual employees.

When you manage time and labor data for individual employees with schedules, you can:

- Track attendance.
- Specify how to enforce restrictions and round punches.
- Track exceptions such as when an employee is early, late, or absent.
- Associate work rules with the right schedules.
- Schedule and view non-worked hours, such as annual leave in advance.
- Pre-populate employee timecards with standard schedule information.

Scheduling process

The scheduling process helps you identify whether your employees' schedules meet the workload requirements. The following illustration shows the five main stages in the scheduling process:



Assess workload

Each division has unique staffing needs, which is driven by its workload requirements for a given period. Often managers assess the amount of work that needs to be performed in their division and then evaluate how to meet those demands with their workforce. You typically know your workload before you work with eSTART scheduling.

Update group assignments

New hires can be assigned to a schedule group to provide exception reporting. You can change these initial assignments as your staffing needs change.

Meet workload requirements

After you identify your workload needs for a specific time period, you can assign schedules to employees in your division to meet those needs. Assigning schedules to employees allows you to compare employee work hours to scheduled hours to identify discrepancies and take any necessary action.



Evaluate and publish the schedules

After you finish scheduling your employees for a given period, you need to evaluate the final schedule to ensure that it meets your workload needs for that time period. You can evaluate each employee's total scheduled hours to ensure that the employee meets the requirements. You can also view scheduled hour totals to ensure alignment with your budget and keep overtime to a minimum.

Maintain the schedules

There may be times when you need to change schedules so that the information in eSTART is accurate and your workforce is paid correctly.

Scheduling terms

The following table describes key scheduling terms used in eSTART:

Term	Description
Schedule	The plan for worked and non-worked days for an employee in the past, present, and the future.
Schedule Groups	A way to organize employees for easier and quicker scheduling. Usually employees work the same schedule, but you may also group employees to make it easier to select and sort.
Shift	The time an employee is expected to work. A shift contains a start time and an end time.
Totals	Rows that display the sum of the scheduled hours for all employees, as well as the total number of employees scheduled for the selected time period.

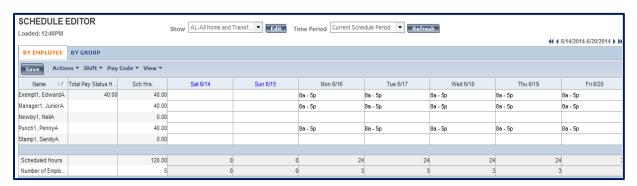


Navigating the Schedule Editor

Purpose

eSTART includes the Schedule Editor where you schedule worked and non-worked hours. Using the Schedule Editor, you can:

- Add, edit, and delete shifts.
- Assign employees to groups.
- Add pay codes for worked or non-worked hours.



Areas	Description	
Name column	Lists the employee names.	
Total Pay Status Hours	Displays total number of hours the employee is expected to work for the selected time period based on pay status.	
Sch Hrs. column	Displays total number of scheduled hours by employee for the selected time period, with lunch deducted, if applicable.	
Date cells	For each day in the selected time period, displays shift start and end times. A date cell can also display pay codes to identify scheduled non-worked hours.	
Scheduled Hours row	Displays total number of scheduled hours for all employees for the selected time period and for each date displayed.	
Number of Employees row	Displays the total number of employees used to calculate Total Scheduled Hours.	



Example





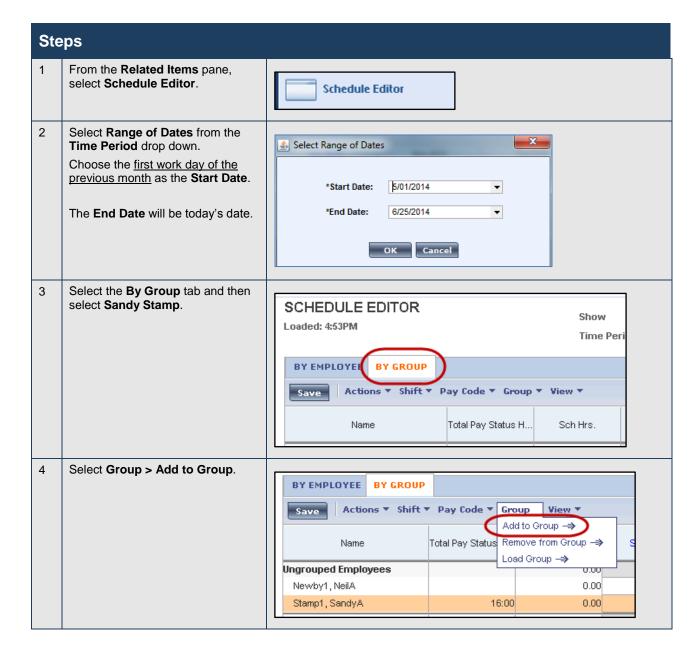
Using Groups to Assign Schedules to Employees

Purpose

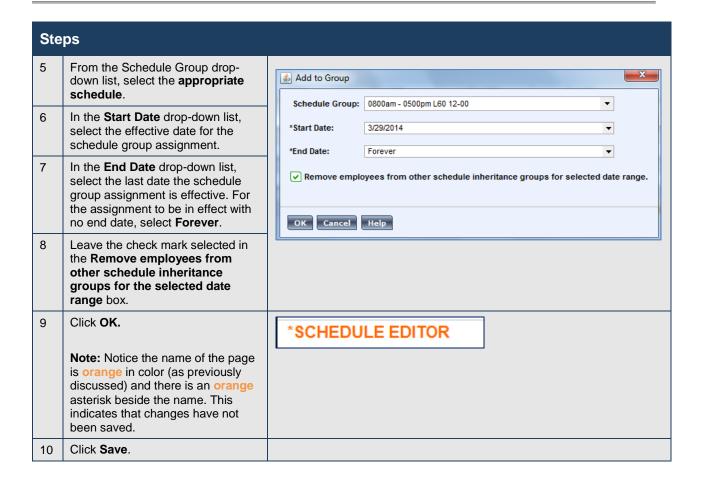
When you assign an employee to a schedule group, you specify how long the employee will belong to the group. If there is no defined end to the group assignment, you can indicate that the employee belongs to the group indefinitely.

Exercise

Sandy Stamp is not currently assigned to a schedule group. She works 8:00am - 5:00pm with a 60 minute lunch. Therefore, you will assign her to a schedule group effective on previous month with no end date.









Tip

You may remove an employee from a Schedule Group by selecting **Remove from Group** from the Group menu.



Note

If a schedule group is needed, (not in list) contact your Agency Administrator to have it added.



Adding or Editing Shifts Using the Shift Editor

Purpose

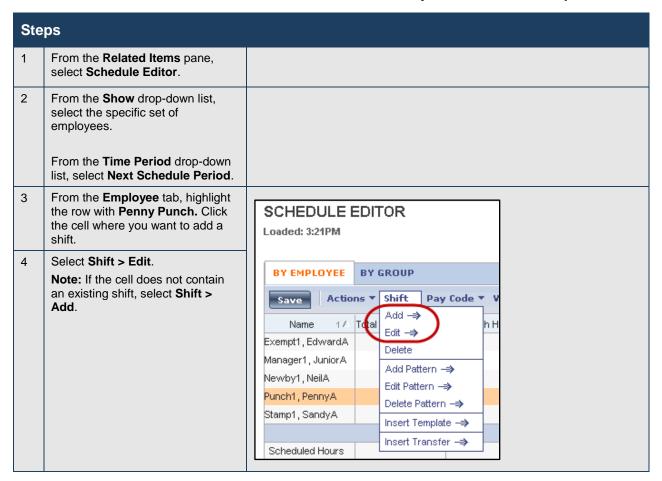
When creating and editing more complex schedules, use the Shift Editor. It has tools that make it easier for you to create and edit shifts with several segments, shifts with transfers, shifts that cross the day divide, and other complex shifts.

Exercise

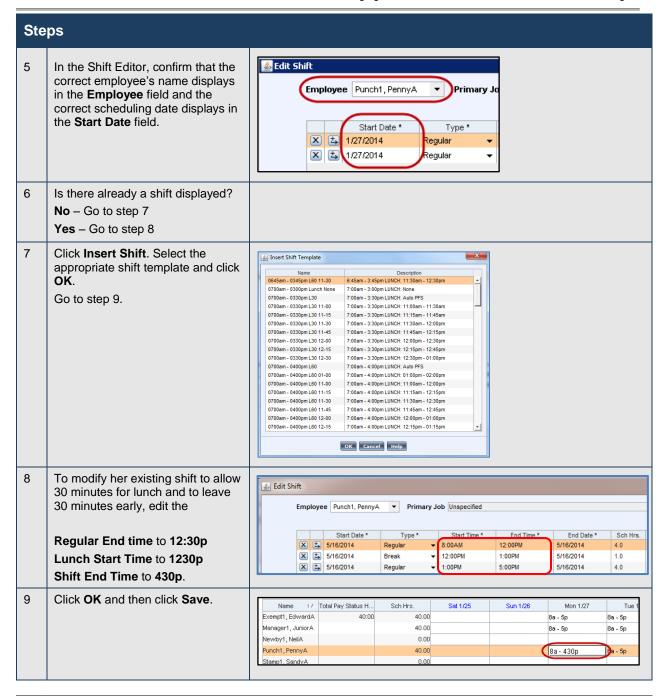
On Monday of the next schedule period, you need **Penny Punch** to work the following shift segments:

- Regular shift from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Lunch break from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Regular shift from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Use the Shift Editor to add or edit the shift to her schedule for Monday of the next schedule period.









Note

Another method for adding the shift is to click in the cell and manually key the shift times, i.e. 8a-5p, 730a-430p.



Tip

Enter time using a 12-hour format with either **am/pm** or **a/p** abbreviations. For example, you can enter 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 8a-5p. You can also copy and paste shifts using **Ctrl-C** and **Ctrl-V**.



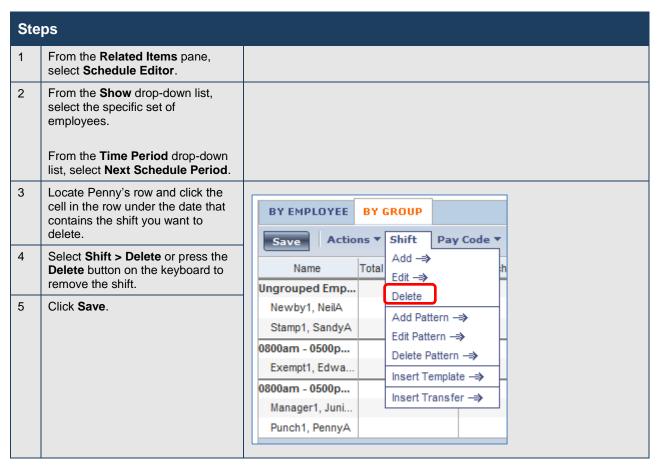
Deleting Shifts from Employees' Schedules

Purpose

Sometimes an employee is unable to work a scheduled shift. When this happens, you need to delete the shift from the employee's schedule to prevent the application from flagging the absence as unexcused.

Exercise

Penny Punch, who is currently scheduled to work on Tuesday of the next schedule period, will not be working on Tuesday. Access the Schedule Editor and delete her schedule for **Tuesday of the next schedule period.**





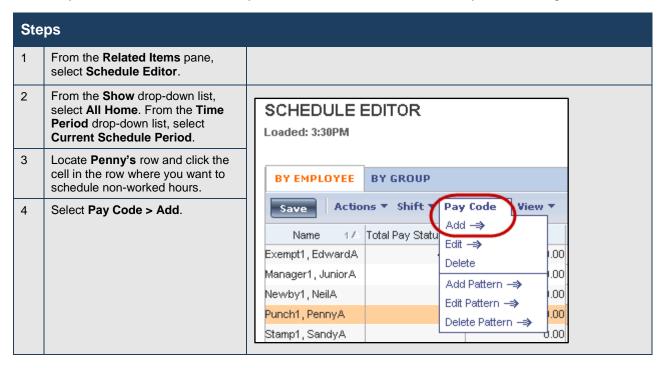
Scheduling Non-Worked Hours

Purpose

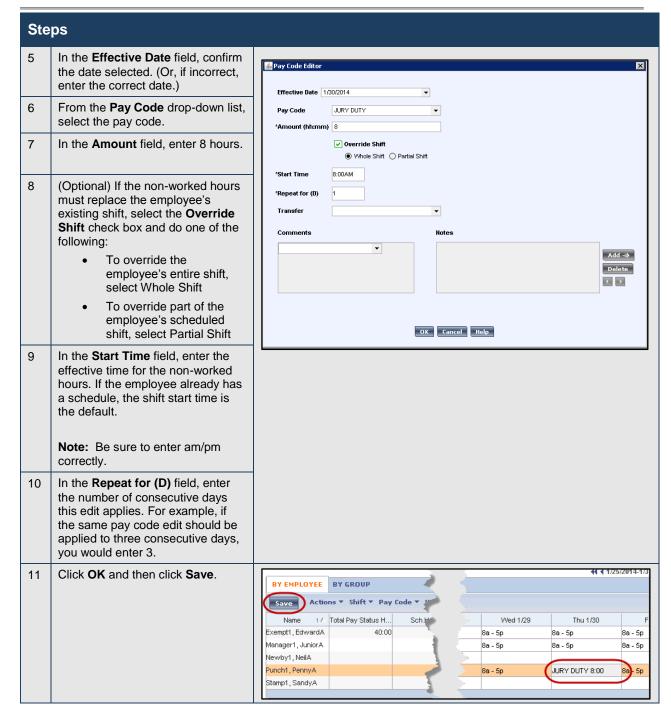
Non-worked hours include time such as sick leave, annual leave, or jury duty. You should schedule your employees' non-worked time when you are made aware of the non-work time.

Exercise

Penny Punch has been called to serve jury duty on **Thursday** of the **Current Schedule Period**. Because you know about it in advance, you want to schedule the time so that you do not forget.









Reviewing Employee Data in eSTART

Purpose

eSTART pages present customized views of employee information in a summarized, easy-to-read format so that you can quickly analyze and respond to time, labor and scheduling needs.

My Genies

Information found in the My Genies drop-down.



View	Description
Accrual Detail Balance View	Employee leave ending balances for each leave type.
Accrual Reporting Period View	Employee accrual leave balances, pending usages, pending accruals and ending balances, by employee.
Custom Field Reporting View	Includes employee information for pay rules, scheduled group, lunch, employee type, approver, current or arrears.
Employee Holiday Credit View	Holiday Earned and Holiday Taken hours by employee.
Employee Hours View	Employee hours: Regular and Non-Worked, Comp and OT.
Employee Information View	Includes employee information for pay rules, labor account, hire date, employment terms, current or arrears, scheduled group, assigned manager
Leave Cases View	Includes leave reasons, leave frequency, leave case status, leave category, initial leave request date
Leave Hours View	Includes total leave hours, leave case status, last date of committed paid and unpaid leave time, leave end date (if one is provided)
On Premises View	Non-exempt employees currently at work
Pay Period Close View	Final review of your employee time records, displays indicators for employee and manager approvals.
QuickFind	Locate an employee by the name or ID
Reconcile Timecard	Display exceptions, Holiday skipped, and totals up to date.





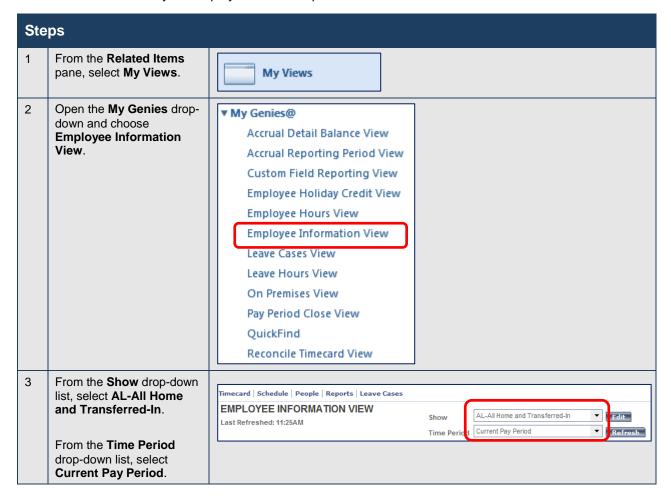
Note

You can also export the data to an Excel (.xls) or CSV (Comma Separated Value) file to make it available to other applications such as Excel.



Exercise

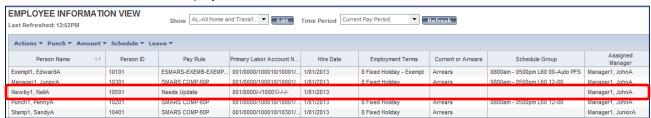
You want to look at how your employees are set up in eSTART.







Review the information from Employee Information View.



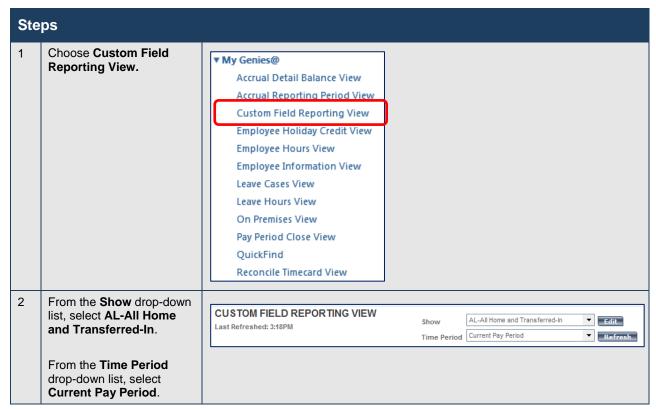
Column	Description	
Pay Rule	Indicates how an employee earns time (i.e. Exempt vs. Non Exempt, Overtime\Comp Time, etc.)	
Primary Labor Account	Employees Agency, Org, Work Location, and Approver ID	
Employment Terms	Indicates if an employee qualifies for Holidays	
Current or Arrears	Indicates if an employee is paid current or in arrears	
Schedule Group Indicates the schedule group an employee belongs to		

Note: Notice that Neil Newby's information is incomplete. The Pay Rule column displays "Needs Update" and other information is missing.



Exercise

Research Neil Newby discussed above to troubleshoot his setup in the system.



Review the information from Custom Field Reporting View.



Column	Description	
Pay Rule	Indicates how an employee earns time (i.e. Exempt vs. Non Exempt, Overtime\Comp Time, etc.)	
Schedule Group	Indicates the schedule group an employee belongs to	
Lunch	Indicates the length of an employee's lunch period	
Employment Type	Indicates the number and type of hours for an employee (i.e. 8T is 8 Hours with a Traditional Schedule)	
Approver	Person ID of the employee's manager	
Current or Arrears	t or Arrears Indicates if an employee is paid current or in arrears	
OT Comp	T Comp Indicates if a Non Exempt employees Comp versus Overtime	

Notice that **Neil Newby's** information is incomplete. The **Pay Rule column displays "Needs Update"** and other information is missing. Contact your Agency Administrator to have these fields corrected.



Locating Employees Using QuickFind

Purpose

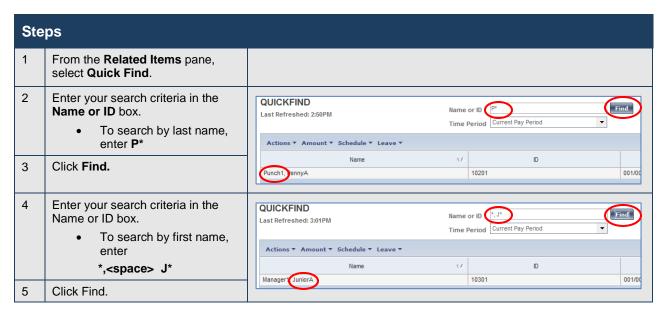
When an employee notifies you about an issue with his or her timecard, you can use QuickFind to access the employee's timecard. You can use other eSTART customized views to access timecards, but this page is designed to help you locate an employee by the name or ID. If you are unsure of the spelling of an employee's name or know only some of the digits in an employee's ID number, you can include wildcard characters to help you find the employee with only partial information.

Wildcard Character	Description	Example
? -	A question mark or underscore indicates a single character occupies a position in the search string.	10?? finds all employees whose ID contains 4-digit numbers starting with 10. Sm_th finds all employees whose last name starts with "Sm" and ends with "th" and has one letter in the center.
*	An asterisk character or a percent symbol indicates multiple characters can occupy a position in the search string.	*, s* finds all employees whose first name begins with the letter S. %1 finds all employees whose ID number ends with the number 1.

Access QuickFind from the Related Items pane

Exercise

You need to review the timecards for **Junior Manager and Penny Punch**. To quickly access Penny's timecard, access **Related Items > QuickFind** and search for all employees whose last name begins with "**P**". Then try searching for Junior's timecard by searching for employees whose first names begin with "**J**".





Timekeeping

Other useful information can be found in the **Timekeeping** drop-down.



Areas	Description	
All WTK Exceptions	This view allows viewing of all timekeeping exceptions for your employees. It contains all possible exceptions in the system. Not all will be used by the State. Reconcile Timecard is preferable to view existing exceptions.	
Count All WTK Exceptions	This view allows viewing of the number of exceptions for each type. Again, this view contains all possible exceptions in the system. Most will not be used by the State. The Exceptions widget is preferable to view the number of exceptions.	
Work & Absence Summary	This view allows you to identify trends or patterns in worked and scheduled time off for employees in calendar view.	

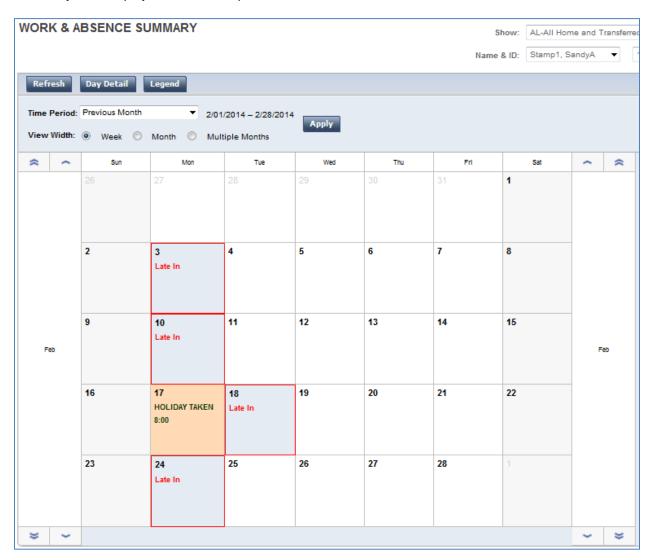


Using the Work & Absence Summary Calendar

Purpose

You can use the Work & Absence Summary calendar to identify trends in worked and time off events for employees. The calendar-like display makes it easy for you to see whether an employee has a pattern of taking time off or of arriving late on a specific day of the week. You can see trend information such as the following:

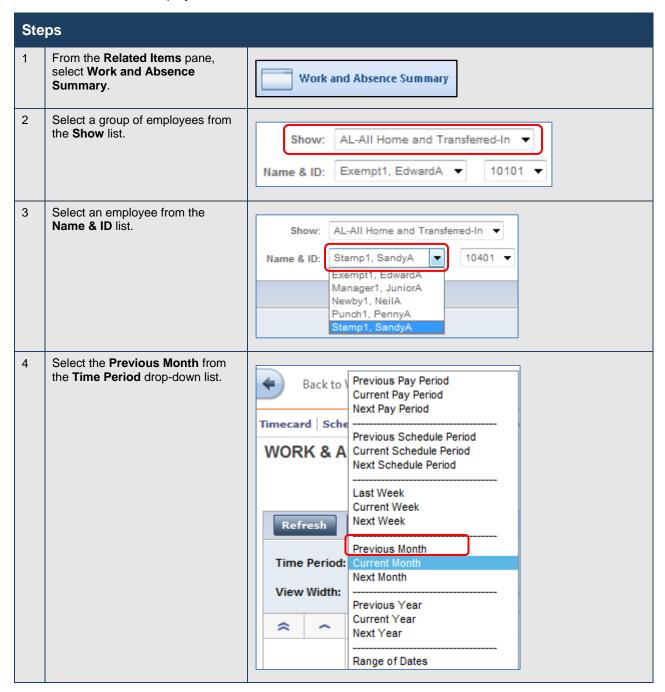
- Number of days the employee has arrived late to work or left early
- Number of Mondays the employee has taken sick or annual leave
- Days the employee has submitted leave requests
- Days the employee has missed punches



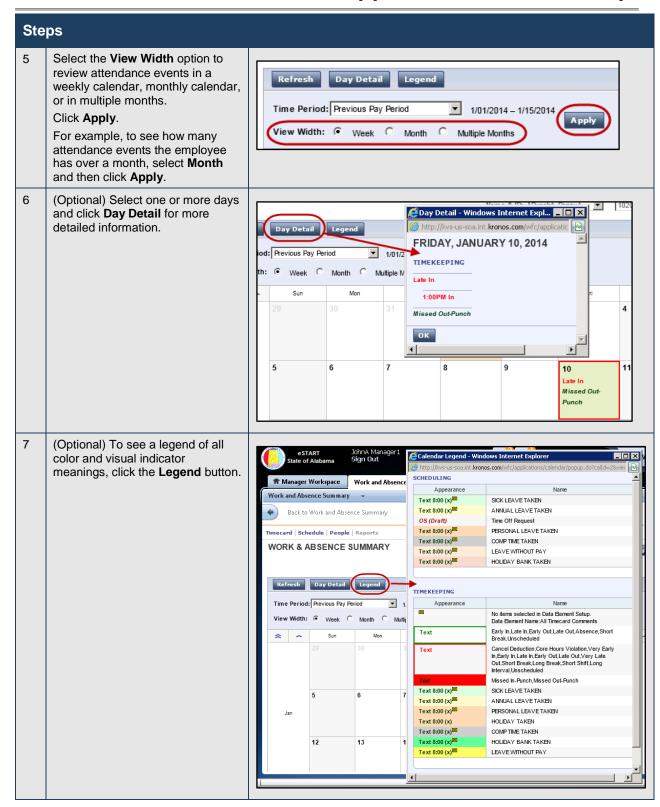


Exercise

You are scheduled to deliver a performance review with an employee this week. Prior to the meeting, you would like to research the employee's calendar for the year. Access the Work & Absence Summary calendar to review the employee's attendance.









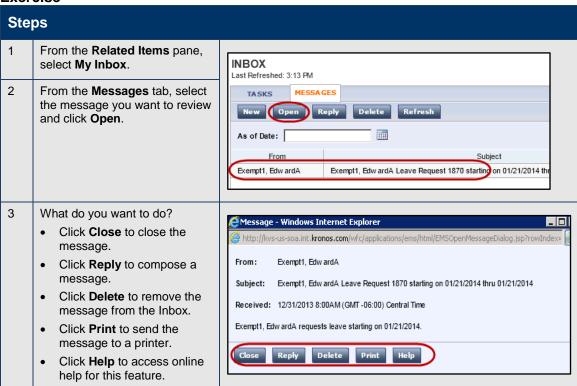
Reviewing Time and Attendance Data

Using the Inbox to View/Send Messages

The Inbox allows you to manage tasks and email messages sent via eSTART. In particular, the Messages tab allows you to create, read, reply to, and delete messages using eSTART's internal messaging system. Employee requests for leave are one example of a typical message managers will receive.



Exercise





Note: Users who have an Outlook email account will also receive these messages in their Outlook mailboxes.



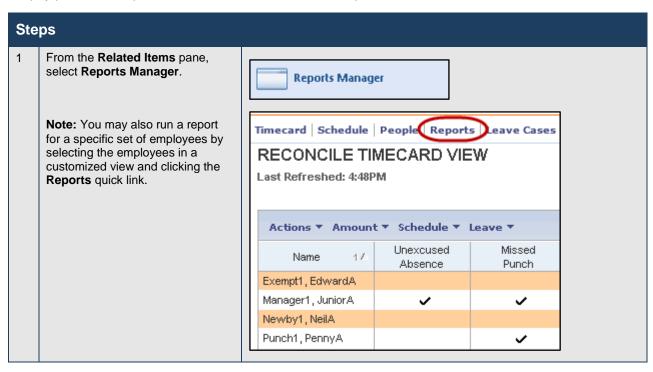
Generating Reports

Purpose

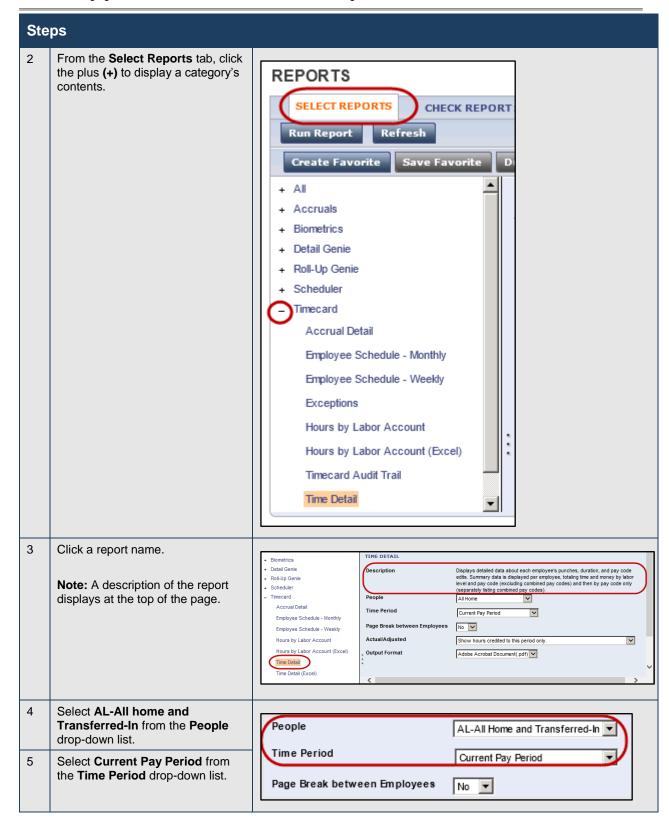
You can generate reports on a daily, weekly or pay period basis, or any time you need information to accomplish your business tasks.

Exercise

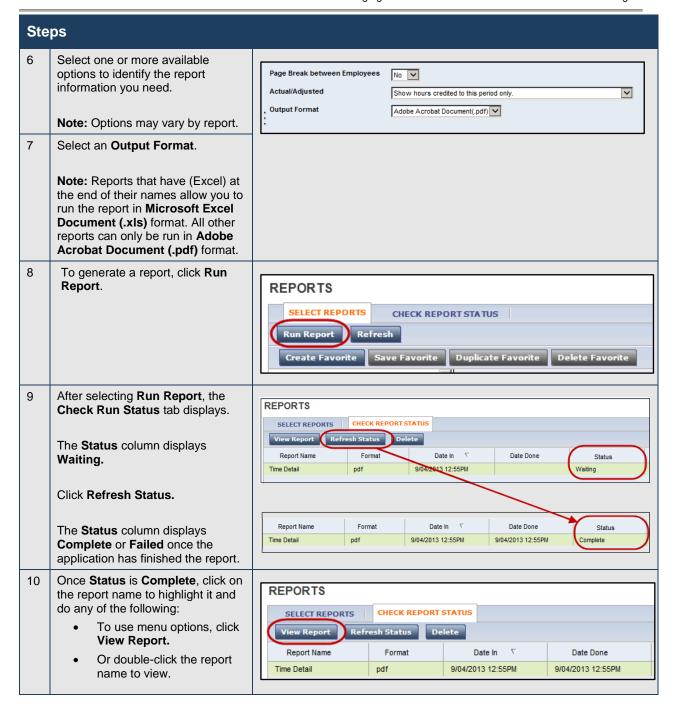
For auditing and validation purposes, you want to review all your employees' timecard hours and totals for the pay period in a report format. Select the **Time Detail** report to review this information.













Steps

- 11 (Optional) While viewing the report, you can do any of the following:
 - To print the report to a local printer, select the **Print** button from the menu that displays on the report.
 - To send a report in an e-mail message, select File > Send > Page by E-mail, and complete the e-mail message contained in your default e-mail client.

Here is an example of a Time Detail report.

Time Detail Time Period: Query:	All Ho						Execute Printed f	lor:	9/04/20 cfrost99		
Actual/Adjusted:	Show	ow hours credited to this period only.					Insert Page Break After		Each Employee:		No
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Xfr/Move: Account 8/23/2013		7:30:00 AM		11:02:00 AM	WORK Rule					3:30	43:30
8/23/2013		11:30:00 AM		3:58:00 PM						4:30	48:00
8/26/2013		7:30:00 AM		11:04:00 AM						3:30	51:30
8/26/2013		11:34:00 AM		3:69:00 PM						4:30	56:00
8/27/2013		7:29:00 AM		11:22:00 AM						3:45	59:45
8/27/2013		11:58:00 AM		4:02:00 PM						4:15	64:00
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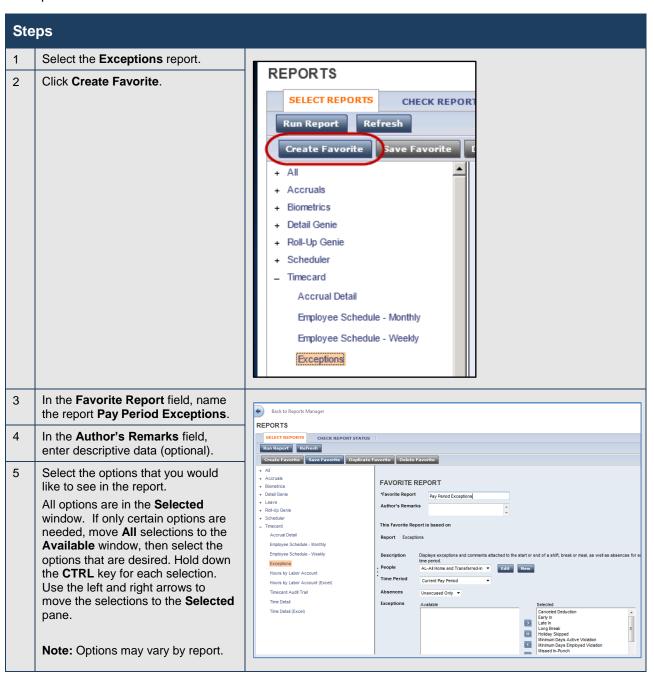


Setting Up Report Favorites

If you run the same report with the same options regularly, you can established the report as a favorite. You can run the report as needed without having to reset your options. Favorites display as a new category at the top of the list.

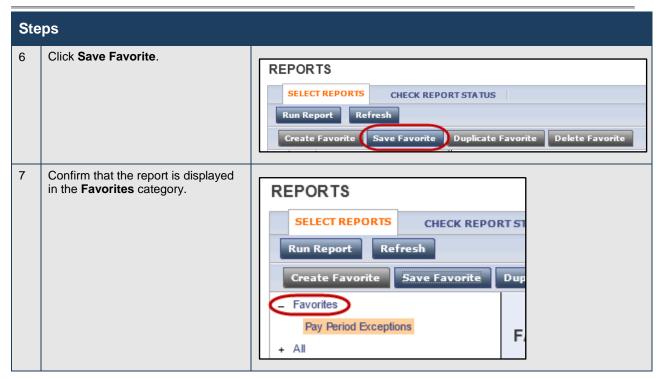
Exercise

You use the Exceptions report often and want to retain the criteria for regular use. So you decide to save this report as a favorite.





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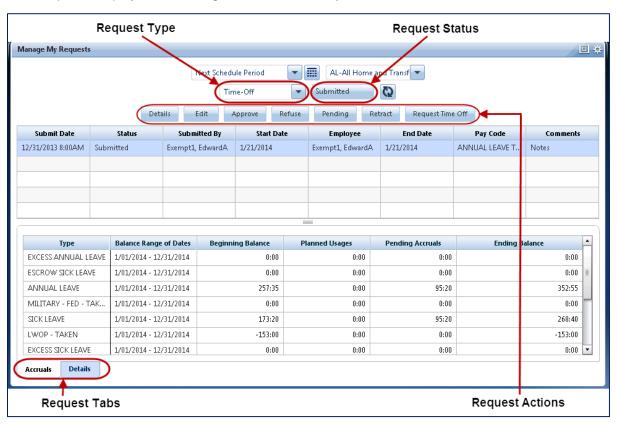


Working with Time Off Requests

Using the Manage My Requests Widget

Purpose

The Manage My Requests widget summarizes all requests in one window and provides all supporting information needed to process requests. Requests can come from employees or other managers, such as, manager delegation requests. In the Manage My Requests widget, managers can process requests one at a time or simultaneously process multiple requests of the same type. Managers can also filter the list of requests displayed in the widget and sort the list by column.

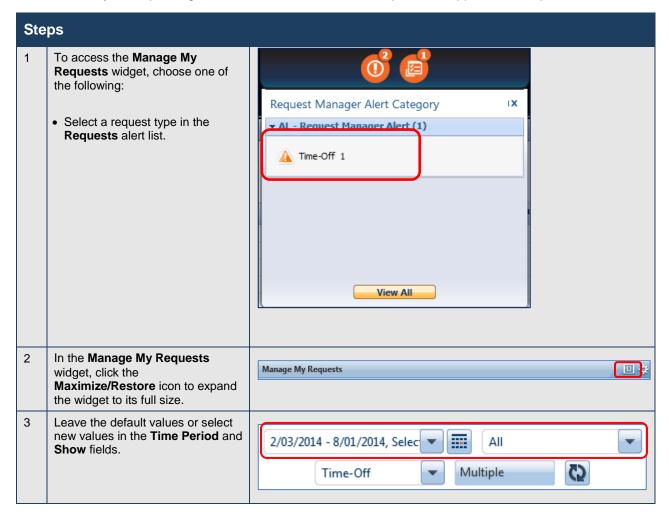


Component	Description		
Request type	This field enables managers to filter the requests that are listed based on the request type.		
Request status	This field enables managers to filter the requests that are listed based on the request status.		
Request tabs	These tabs display different information relevant to the selected request.		
Request actions	These buttons enable managers to perform actions related to processing employee requests.		

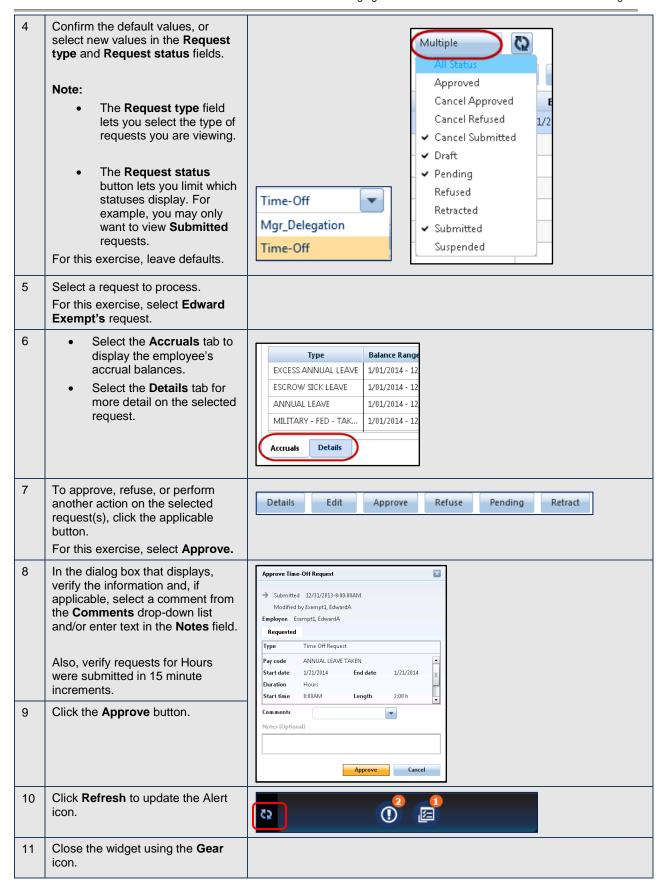


Exercise

Edward Exempt is requesting time off. You want to view his request and approve the request.









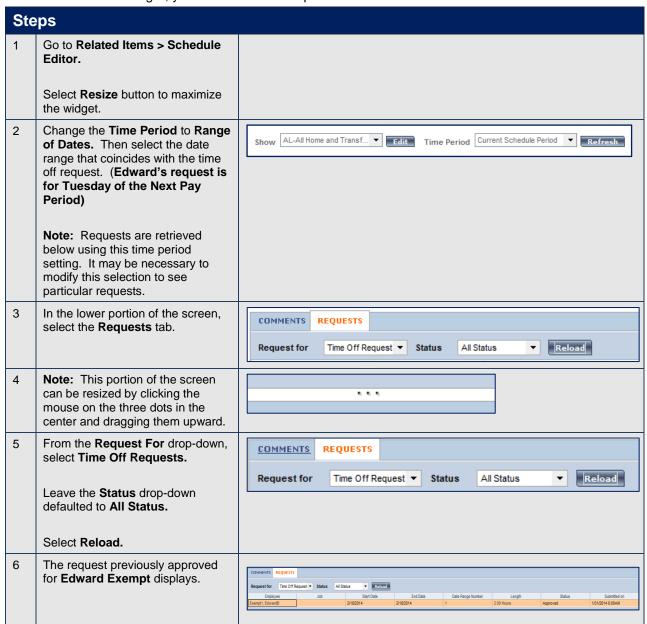
Editing Time Off Requests from the Schedule Editor

Purpose

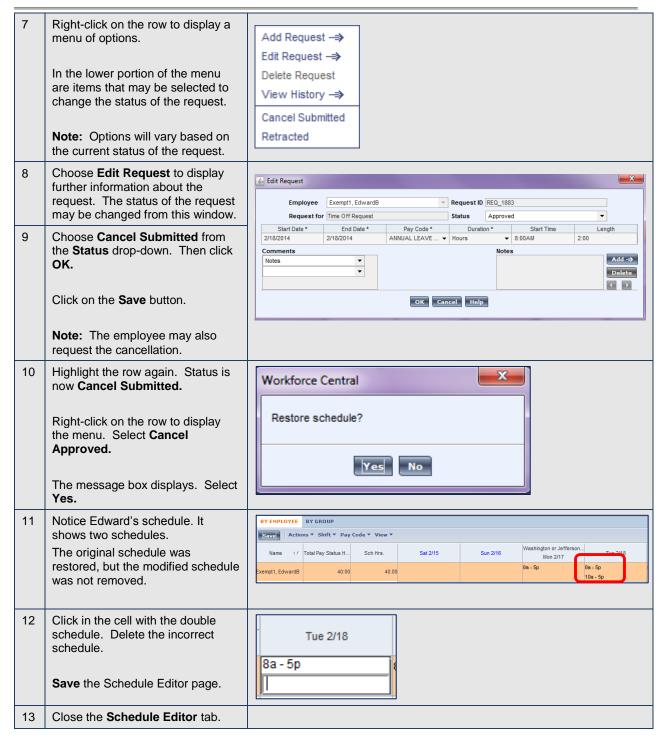
Another method for approving a time off request is from **Related Items > Schedule Editor**. One benefit of using this option is you can view the schedules of your employees for that time period. You can make sure you have coverage during the time period.

Exercise

Edward decided he doesn't need this time off after all but he is off site today and the request needs to be cancelled. As his manager, you can cancel the request on his behalf.









Performing Additional Manager Tasks

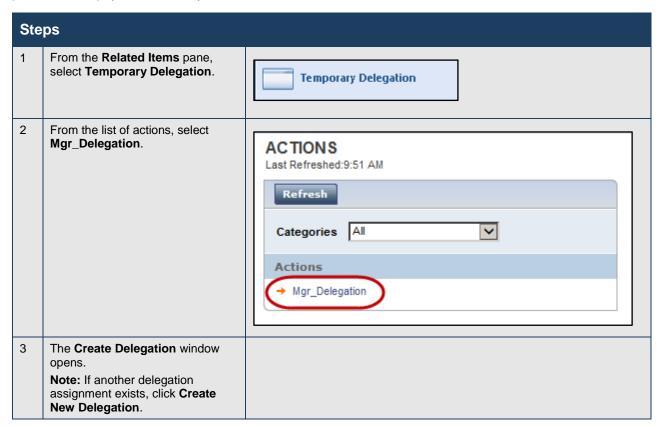
Requesting Backup Coverage

Purpose

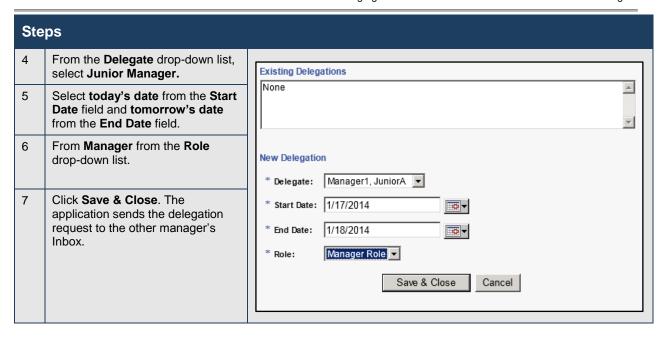
You can temporarily delegate your manager tasks in eSTART to another manager. The other manager can perform your tasks using their own user names and passwords. For example, they can modify schedule shifts for absent employees, or review, edit and approve timecards. This allows the business process to keep moving even when you are not there. All edits they perform are recorded and assigned to their names for audit purposes.

Exercise

You are out of the office for two days. You send a delegation request to **Junior Manager** so that you can temporarily assign your timekeeping tasks to him. This will ensure that your employees' timecards are processed for payroll on a timely basis.









Accepting or Declining Backup Coverage Requests

Purpose

When another manager sends you a request to cover his or her timekeeping and scheduling tasks, the application automatically places a task in your Inbox. The delegation request specifies the start and end dates and the role you will assume. You can access the request to accept or decline from the My Inbox widget.



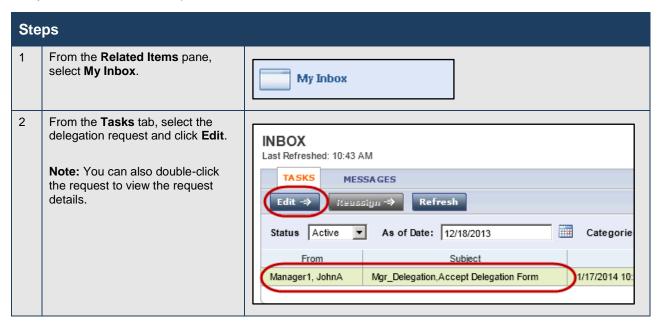
Note

An indicator for delegation will also display from the Requests icon. The method described above in the Working with Time Off Requests section can be used to approve these requests as well.

Exercise

For this exercise, log off as Johnx.Manager#. Log on as Juniorx.Manager#.

John Manager is going to be away attending a conference next week. He sent you a delegation request that you will review and accept.





Steps To accept the request, confirm that the Accept Delegation button is **New Delegation** selected. Delegator: Manager1, JohnA 4 (Optional) Enter a message to the Start Date: 1/17/2014 requesting manager in the Comment field. End Date: 1/18/2014 5 Click Save & Close. Manager Role Role: Note: eSTART automatically Action sends a message to the delegator to confirm that you have accepted or declined the delegation request. Accept Delegation Select Action Decline Delegation Comment: Save & Close Cancel



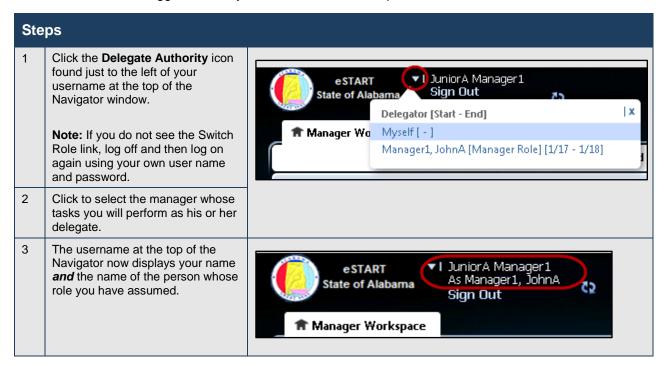
Switching to Delegated Roles

Purpose

After you accept a delegation request, the application automatically provides access to the tasks defined in the role profile on the specified start date. A Switch Role link displays as a quick link so that you do not have to log on as the manager who delegated the tasks to you. The link identifies which role you currently are working.

Exercise

John Manager delegated his tasks to you (**Junior Manager**) this week and you are ready to perform his timekeeping tasks. You do not need to log off as yourself and log on as the other manager because you can switch roles while logged on with your own user name and password.





Note

You can perform any management functions that are delegated to you for the delegating manager..



Cancelling Delegations

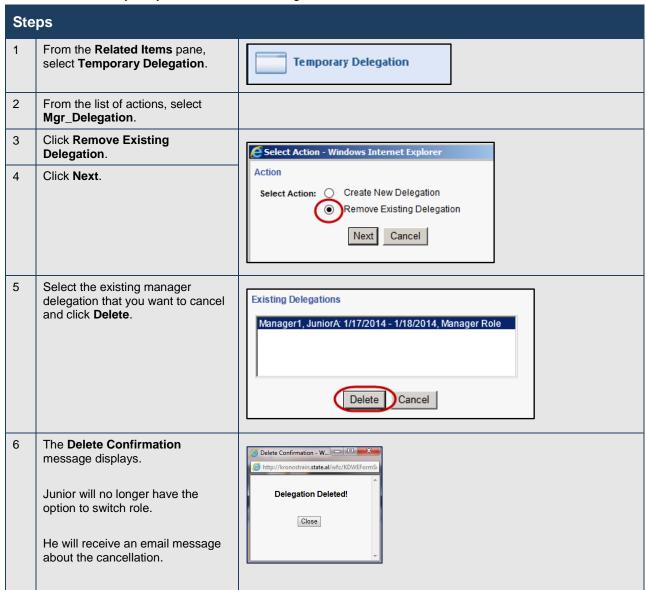
Purpose

The delegation rights are automatically removed on the end date. However, you can end the delegation earlier if you wish.

Exercise

For this exercise, log off as Juniorx.Manager# and log back in as Johnx.Manager#.

You **(John)** had delegated your management tasks to **Junior Manager** for two days. However, you returned the next day, so you will cancel the delegation.





Finalizing Timecards

Reviewing Time Data at the End of the Pay Period

Purpose

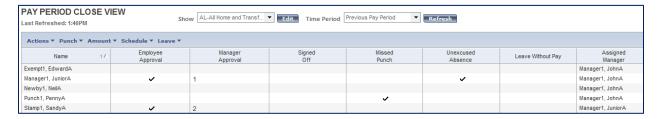
As you have already seen, the **Reconcile Timecard** widget helps you to identify timecard discrepancies at the end of a pay period so that you can perform final edits. You must correct all exceptions before time data is signed off by Administrators. Otherwise, employees may not get paid correctly for that pay period.



The **Employee Hours View** widget is useful for verifying that your employees have the correct number of hours for the pay period. It also shows employees with compensatory time and overtime.



The **Pay Period Close** widget is also useful for making a final review of your employee time records and also displays indicators for employee and manager approvals. You can access employee timecards from either widget to make final corrections and approve employee timecards.





Note

A reminder to approve timecards will be sent to all employees' inbox the day after the end of the pay period. Users who have an Outlook email account will also receive these messages in their Outlook mailboxes.



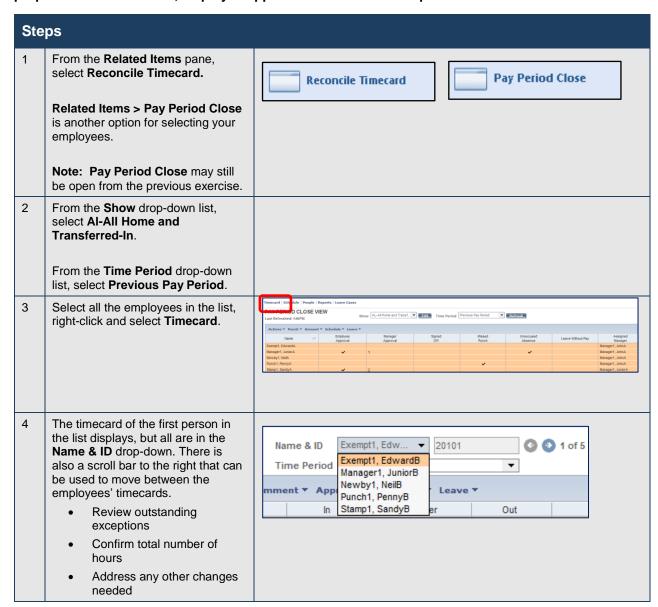
Approving Timecards

Purpose

After you finish editing your employees' timecards, you need to approve them to indicate to Payroll that they are ready for processing. After you approve a timecard, the employee cannot make any edits unless you remove your approval.

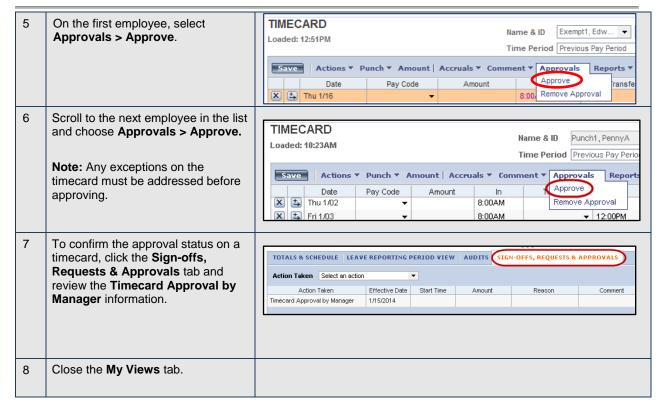
Exercise

You have reviewed and performed all necessary edits to your employees' timecards. You now approve the timecards for the previous pay period on each timecard. Note: As a rule, your non-exempt and hourly employees should have approved their own timecards before you approve them. For purposes of this exercise, employee approval has not been completed.





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Best Business Practice

Each non-exempt or hourly employee must approve his or her timecard. This helps to ensure its accuracy before manager approval is applied.



Creating Ad Hoc and Personal HyperFind Queries

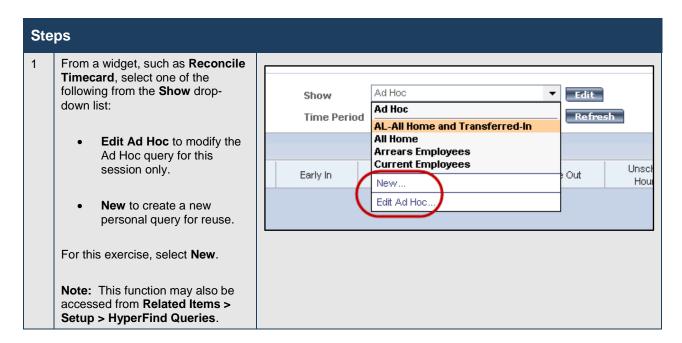
Purpose

eSTART uses HyperFind queries to search and return employees who meet a specific set of criteria. You can use HyperFind queries in eSTART widgets and reports. All the options in the Show drop-down list are HyperFind queries. If an existing HyperFind query does not return the correct set of employees, you can create your own Ad Hoc query. Ad Hoc queries are temporary and are available only during your current session. Once you log off, Ad Hoc queries are no longer available.

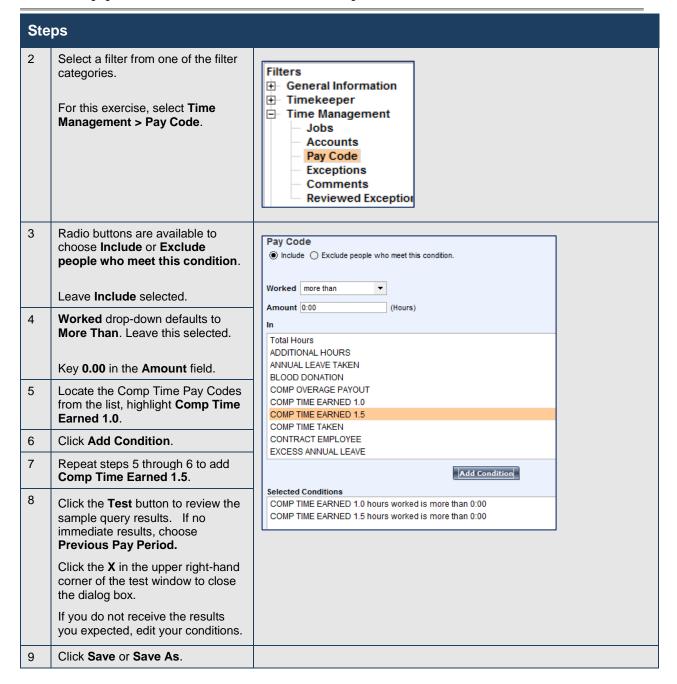
Another option is to create a Personal query. Personal queries are available only to you and remain available until you remove them. However, you may share them with others.

Exercise

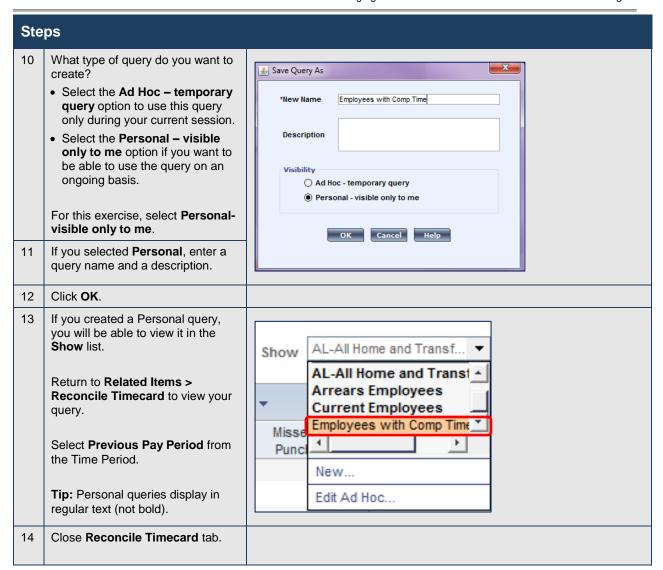
You want a quick way to access all employees with Comp Time hours. Create a Personal HyperFind query to see all employees that meet these criteria.













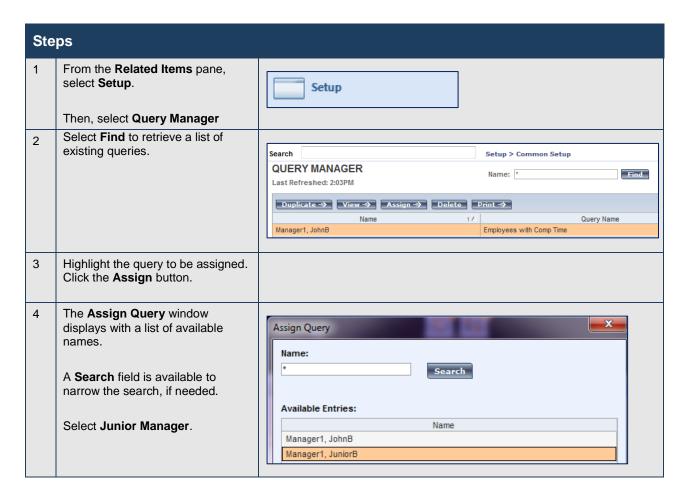
Assigning a Personal HyperFind Query to Another Person

Purpose

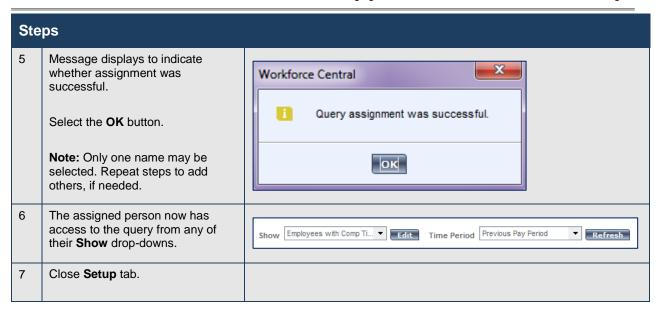
A personal HyperFind query may ordinarily only be used by the person who created it. However, you may share it with another person or persons to whom it might be helpful.

Exercise

You created the HyperFind query above to assist with monitoring Comp Time. You feel this query would be helpful to other managers and wish to share it.





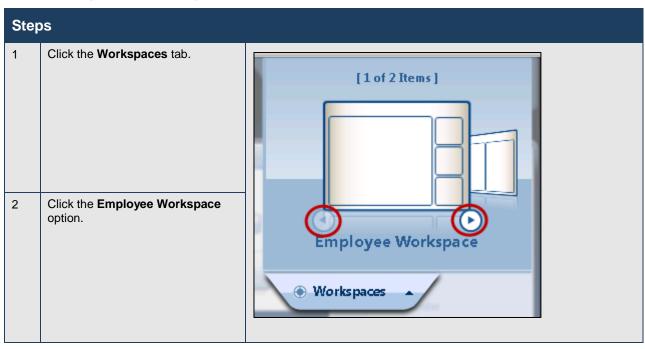




Using the Employee Workspace

Sometimes you will need to access your own employee records. For example, you will need to submit your own requests for time off as an employee. To access your time and calendar data, you have access to a workspace called the Employee Workspace. You have fewer rights when accessing your own information than when accessing your employee's records.

Accessing the Employee Workspace



From this workspace, you have access to:

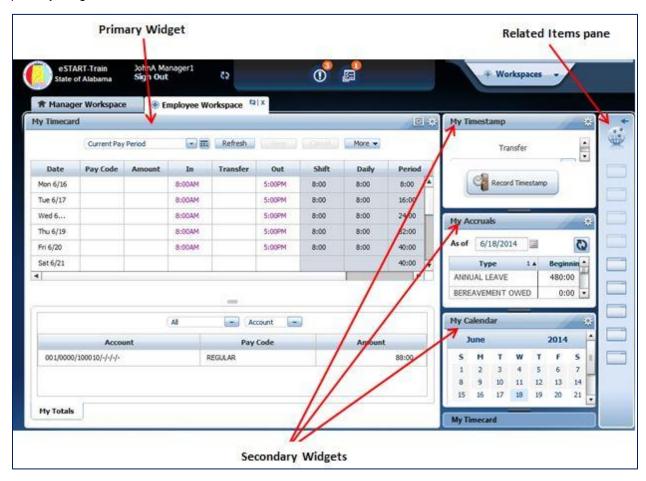
- My Timecard
- My Timestamp
- My Accruals
- My Calendar
- Change Password

- My Extended Leave Requests
- My Inbox
- My Reports
- My Time Off Requests

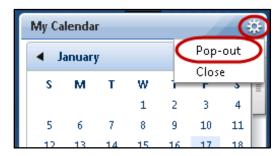


Primary and Secondary Widgets

The Employee Workspace includes its own Related Items pane as well as four default widgets. These widgets can be in a primary position or secondary position. In most cases, you can only work in the primary widget.



You can make a secondary widget the primary widget by clicking the gear icon in the upper-right corner of a widget and selecting **Pop-out**. The current primary widget will shift into a secondary widget position. Other available widgets can be accessed from the Related Items pane.





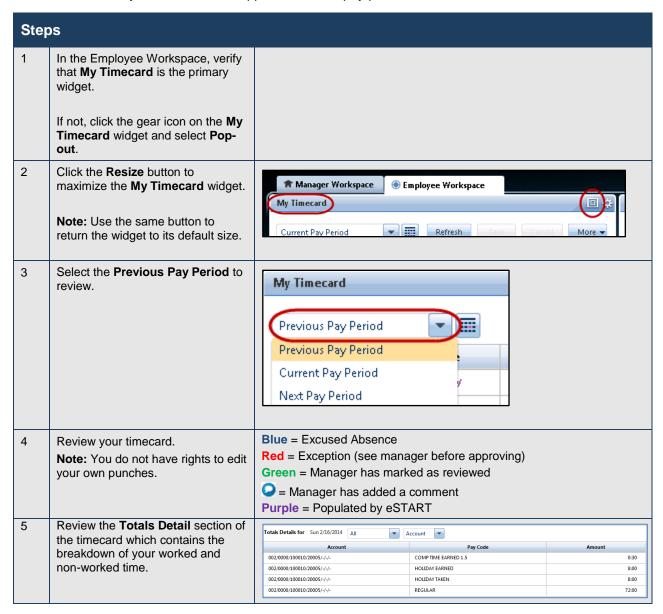
Reviewing and Approving your Time using My Timecard

Purpose

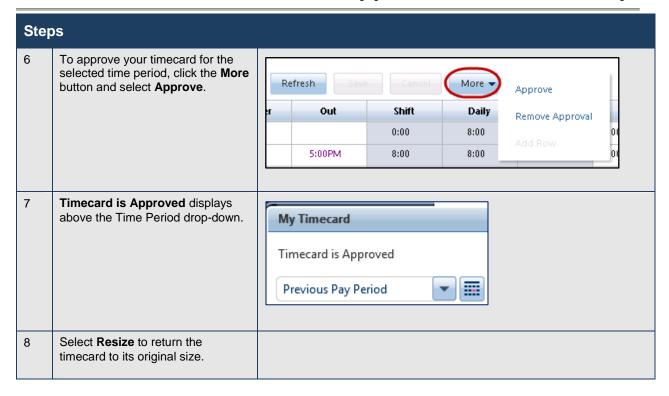
When you need to review your own timecard, you will access it from the Employee Workspace. You will also use the My Timecard widget to approve your own time for the pay period. Currently, at the end of each pay period, you have to sign your timecard signifying that the times entered are true and correct. With eSTART, you electronically sign your timecard by simply "Approving" the electronic document.

Exercise

You want to review your timecard and approve it for the pay period.









Note

A reminder to approve timecards will be sent to the employee's inbox the day after the end of the pay period. Users who have an Outlook email account will also receive these messages in their Outlook mailboxes.



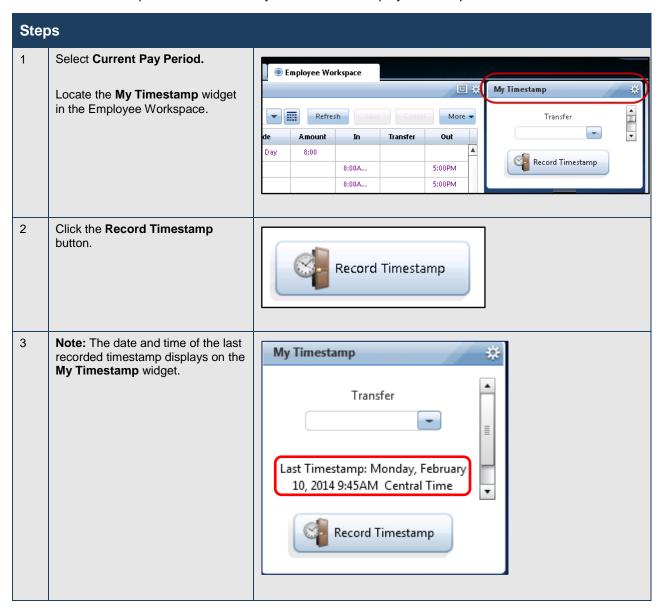
Using My Timestamp

Purpose

If you are an employee who is required to punch from your workstation, you will use the My Timestamp widget to record your punches during your shift.

Exercise

You want to record a punch for the start of your shift in the Employee Workspace.





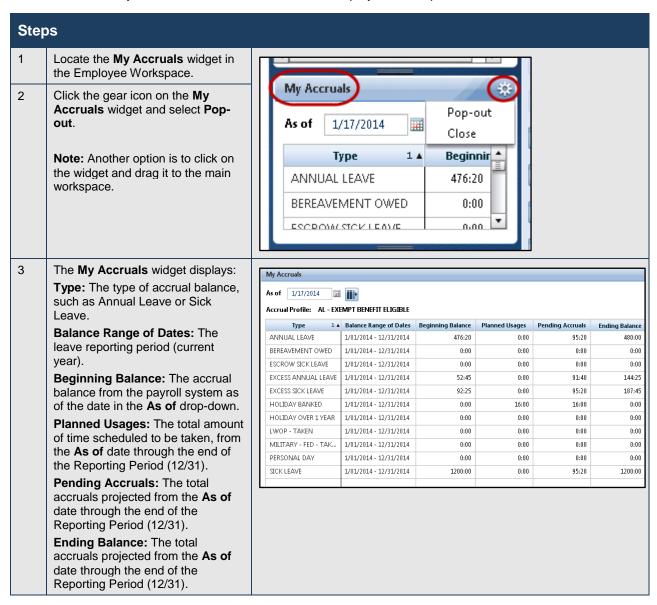
Using My Accruals

Purpose

As an employee, you can review your own leave accrual balances from the Employee Workspace.

Exercise

You want to review your own leave balances from the Employee Workspace.





Viewing My Calendar

Purpose

The My Calendar widget is used to view your schedule information and to view and request time off. You can hover over a shift to view more detailed information. You can also change the view size and use the filter at the top to show and hide particular item types in the calendar.

The following illustration shows a week wide view.



Navigating in a calendar

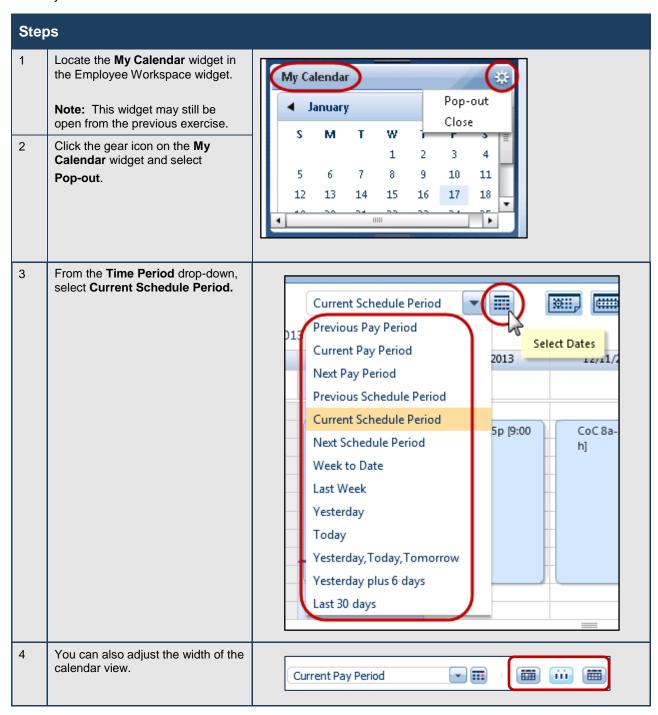
The following table describes the actions that display information in a calendar for data analysis:

Action	Step				
To view details of a particular day	Place your cursor over a shift to view details, such as the labor account the hours are assigned to for the shift.				
To view different calendar formats	Select to view one day across the screen. Select to view one week across the screen. Select to view one month across the screen.				
To view certain elements in your calendar	Select to display elements such as, time off requests, holidays, scheduled pay codes, or scheduled shifts. Uncheck an item to remove it from the display.				

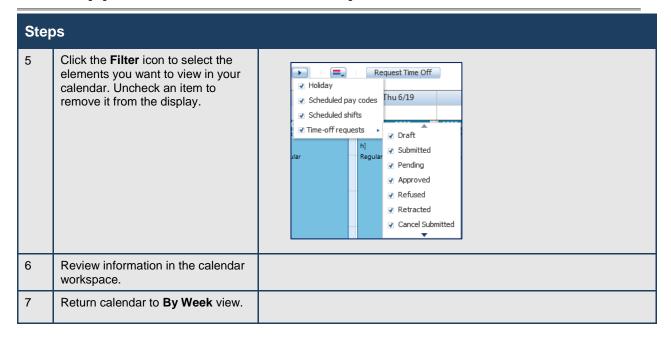


Exercise

You want to review your own calendar for the current week. Access My Calendar and use the tools to look at your calendar in different formats.

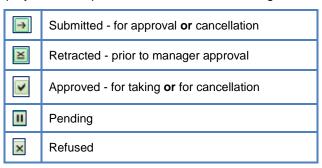


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Request Symbols

The symbols below will display on the request in the calendar, indicating the status of the request.





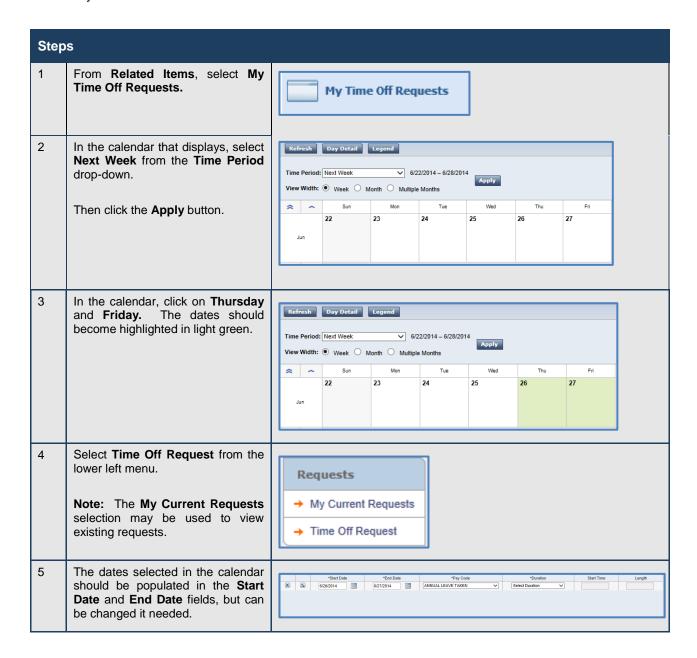
Requesting Time Off

Purpose

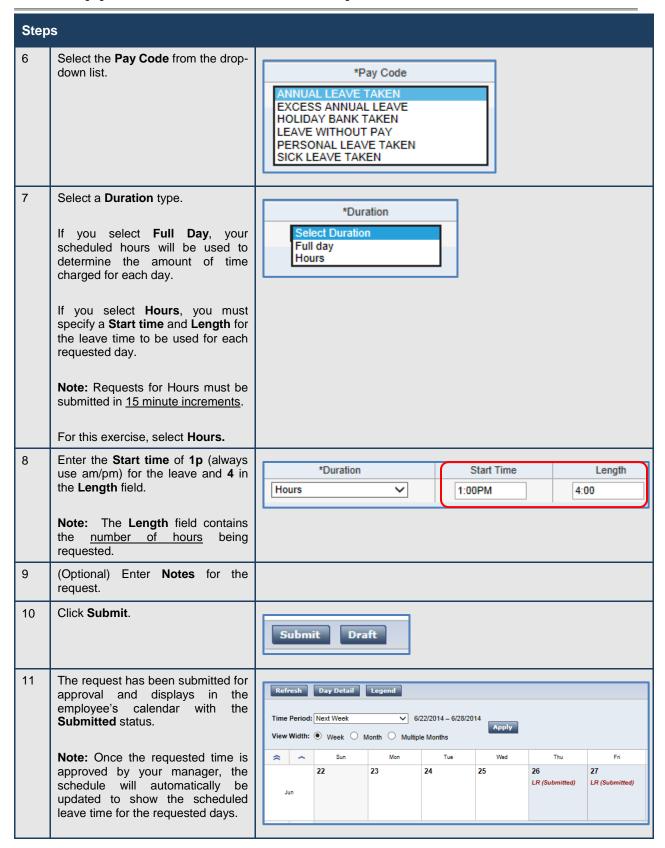
The Request Time Off screen displays a calendar to provide a consistent, easily accessible way to request or cancel time off. eSTART forwards the request to your manager to handle appropriately.

Exercise

Your childcare provider will be unavailable next Thursday and Friday and you need to take the afternoons off. Submit a time-off request for four hours of Annual Leave each day starting at 1 p.m. for next Thursday and Friday.











Best Business Practice

All requests for time off, including doctor visits (sick leave), should be submitted through the time clock or eSTART application.

Submit multiple requests whenever time off requests span across weekends to prevent the request from displaying in the timecard with zero hours for those days. A request that spans a holiday will result in the leave being charged on that day, which would require cancelling and resubmitting the request.



Tip

The **Request Time Off** selection within the **My Calendar** widget may also be used to request time off.



Annual Leave Cascade

A cascade defines how leave time is processed in the system. If Annual Leave is selected in eSTART, leave will be used, based on the time of the year, in the order as described in the chart below:

Annual Leave Cascade		
January 1 – July 31	August 1 – December 31	
Comp Time	Personal Day	
Excess Annual	Excess Annual	
Annual	Comp Time	
	Annual	



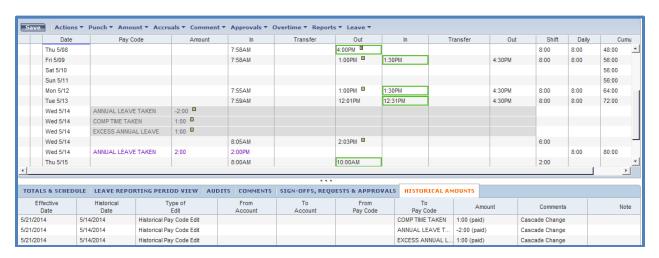
Note

The following are not impacted by the cascade:

- Follow your agency's policy and procedures regarding the usage of personal leave days before August 1st.
- Your holiday banked time may be scheduled by your supervisor in the quarter in which it was earned.

If the cascade makes a change to the type of leave originally submitted, the timecard will display the information as indicated below. The changes made by the cascade will be shaded in gray. There will be a Historical Edits tab on the lower portion of the page. This tab will display the changes that were made by the cascade.

In this example, the original request was for two hours of annual leave in May. Since the employee had one hour of Comp Time and also had Excess Annual Leave time, the cascade reversed the original request for annual leave, used the Comp Time first, then the Excess Annual Leave.



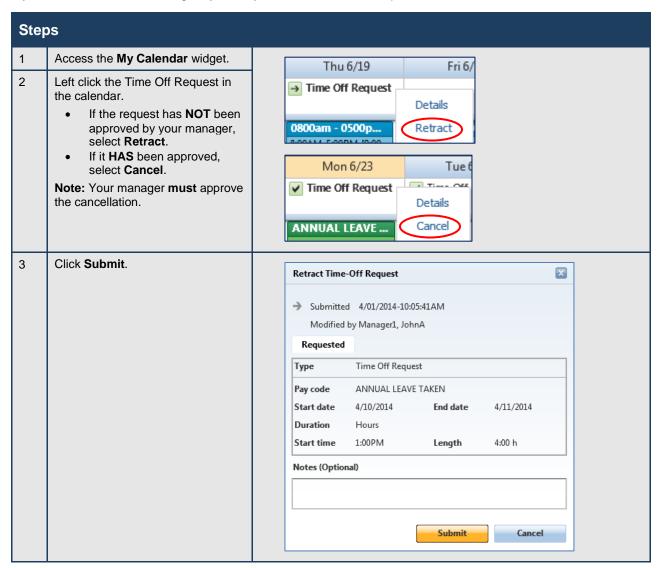
The Comments tab will also display a comment to indicate the change was made by the cascade.

Wed 5/14	Cascade Change
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Cancelling a Time Off Request

If your need for time off changes, you may cancel or retract a request.





Tip

Cancelled request must be approved by your manager.

The **My Time Off Requests** widget in the **Related Items** pane may also be used to cancel/retract time off request.

You cannot cancel part of a request. All days associated with a request are cancelled. For example, if you originally requested three days off and then decide you only need two days, you must cancel the original request and submit a new request for two days.



Using My Inbox

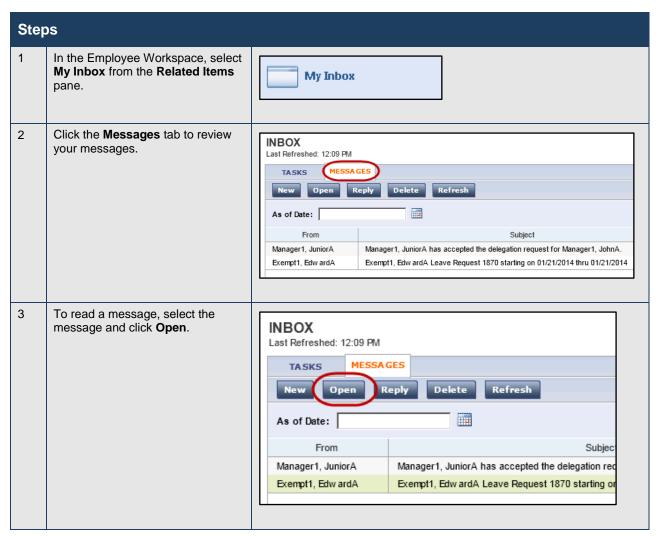
Purpose

When one of your employees submits a message or a request for time off or another manager sends you a request for delegation, the message displays in your eSTART Inbox. You can review these messages in My Inbox.

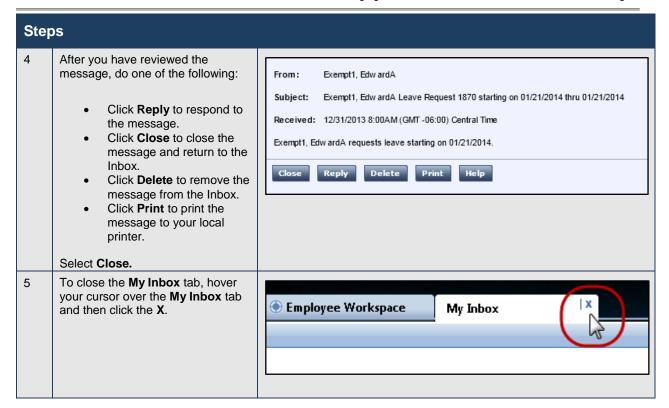
Note: The My Inbox widget in the Employee Workspace is the same as the My Inbox widget you have access to in the Manager Workspace.

Exercise

You want to review any messages you have received in eSTART. Access the Employee workspace and open the My Inbox widget.







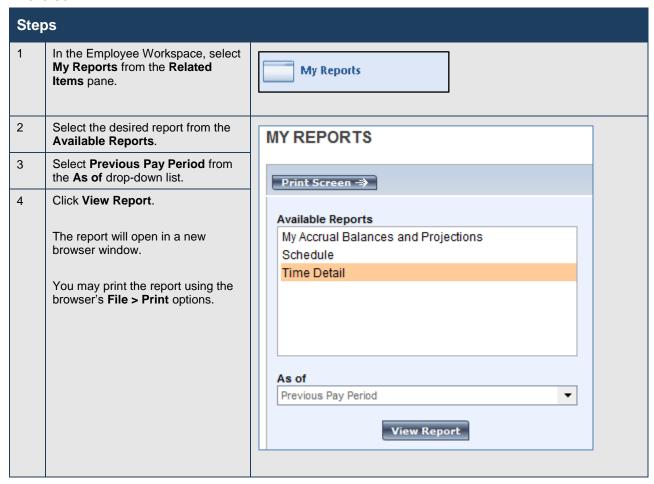


Using My Reports

Purpose

There may be times when you would like to print out information such as your leave accrual balances, schedule or timecard data. You have access to three employee reports for this information using the My Reports widget. When you run one of these reports, it displays in a web browser tab or window, and you print the report using the web browser's Print options.

Exercise





Using My Extended Leave Requests

Purpose

Employees can submit a request for extended leave for FMLA (Family and Medical Leave Act) or Military Leave using eSTART. Employees who are already on leave of absence can request additional time against an existing leave case using the same workspace. Requests for new leave cases and additional leave time are forwarded to your Agency's Leave Administrator.

Exercise

You have upcoming surgery and need to request FMLA leave from work. Submit a continuous leave request for FMLA time.





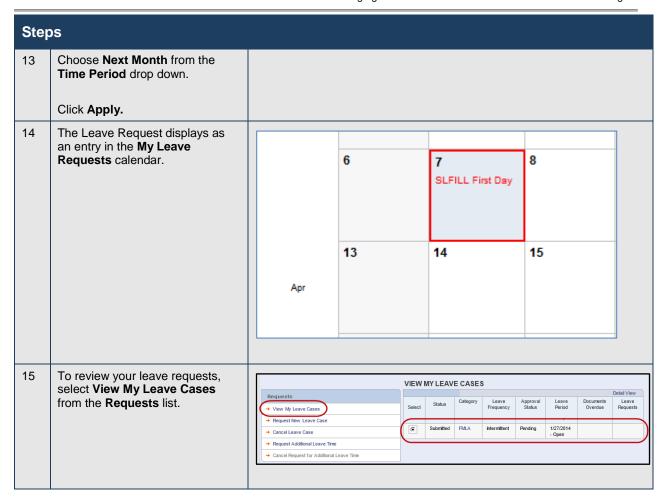
Steps From the Leave Category drop-REQUEST NEW LEAVE CASE down list, select the type of leave: Choose FMLA. * Leave Category **FMLA** 4 From the Leave Reason drop-* Leave Reason Serious Health Condition 🔻 down list, select Serious Health Condition. Leave Frequency Continuous ▼ * Leave Start Date 4/01/2014 5 From the Leave Frequency dropdown list, select Continuous. Leave End Date 6 From the Leave Start Date drop-Leave Hours Same hours each day ▼ down calendar, select 1st Monday * Approximate Daily Leave Hours of the following month. Temporary Mailing Address 7 From the Leave End Date dropdown calendar, select the date * Describe Details of your Request Surgery when you expect the leave to end. Save Cancel Note: You can leave this field blank if the end date is unknown. For this exercise, leave the field blank. 8 Leave Same hours each day selected in the Leave Hours field. 9 In the Approximate Daily Leave Hours field, enter the number of hours you expect to take each day. For this exercise, key 8. The **Temporary Mailing Address** 10 is an optional field that can be used to inform the agency of the address of the relative you are assisting or the rehab center where you will be staying, etc. Enter an explanation of the leave 11 request in the **Describe Details** of Your Request field. Key Surgery. 12 Click Save. A message displays: Notification has been sent to leave administrator.



Note

(*) Asterisk - Denotes a required field.







Note

You may cancel a leave case request from the same **My Extended Leave Requests** calendar as well. Select a leave case and click **Cancel Leave Case** in the **Requests** list. Enter a reason for cancelling the request and click **Save**.





Changing Your Password

Purpose

If you have a Network/Email ID, your Logon ID is your email address; your password is your network password. You **cannot** use the Change Password widget on eSTART. Contact your agency Help Desk/IT staff to change your password.

If you do **not** have an email address, your ID is firstname.lastname, your initial password is P@ssw0rd. You are required to change your password at first login. Then for future password changes, you will use the Change Password widget.

Exercise

Follow the steps below to change your password.

Steps		
1	From the Employee Workspace, open the Related Items pane and select Change Password.	Change Password
2	In the Old Password field, enter the password you want to replace.	CHANGE PASSWORD
3	In the New Password field, enter the new password.	Change Password Now Refresh
4	In the Verify Password field, re-enter the new password.	User Name sandya.stamp1 Old Password
5	Click Change Password Now.	New Password The password must not contain any of the following: - User name - Spaces The password must contain all of the following: - Uppercase letters - Lowercase letters - Numbers - Non-alphanumeric characters The password is limited by the following: - Minimum length: 8



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